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NOTIFICATION No. 4 of 1939

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The Offices of H.B.M. Consulate-General will be closed on Good Friday, April 7, 1939 and Easter Monday, April 10, 1939.

HERBERT PHILLIPS,
Consul-General.

British Consulate-General,
Shanghai, April 3, 1939. 11957

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR CHINA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CHARLES THOMAS HUTCHINS,
Deceased.

Cause No. 4382, Estate No. 2261
Filed at Shanghai, China, this 29th day of March, 1939.

WILLIAM T. COLLINS,
Clerk.

NOTICE

Pursuant to an Order of the Court notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Charles Thomas Hutchins, deceased, to present the same with vouchers to the attorneys for the undersigned on or before October 23, 1939, and all persons owing debts to said deceased are hereby notified to make payments of the same in due course to said attorneys.

EILEEN ANGLIM HUTCHINS,
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(1) To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938.
(2) To elect a Director.
(3) To elect Auditors.
(4) To transact other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 1 to April 6, 1939, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
Secretaries and General Managers,
9 Avenue Edouard VII, Shanghai.
March 22, 1939. 11620

THE SHANGHAI ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-third Ordinary General Meeting of The Shanghai Electric Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 185 Soochow Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, April 25, 1939, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes following, namely:—

(1) To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
(2) To declare a Dividend.
(3) To elect Directors.
(4) To appoint Auditors.
(5) To transact any other business of an Ordinary General Meeting.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from April 10 to April 25, 1939, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. POLLOCK,
Secretary.

185, Soochow Road,
Shanghai March 25, 1939.

NOTE:—A holder of a Share Warrant to Bearer desiring to attend and vote at the meeting must deposit the Share Warrant together with a statement in writing of his name and address at the Head Office of the Company in Shanghai or at the Registered Office of the Company, Basildon House, Moorgate, London, E.C.2, two clear days at least before the day appointed for the meeting or adjourned meeting.

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To-day's Events

APRIL

6 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
6 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
6 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
6 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture, 5.30
6 B.U.S.C., 'How Wireless Works,' by Capt. St. Louis, at 114 Peking Road at 6
6 Reel Club Dance, Race Club, 9
6 S. M. Orchestra, 1st Performance 'Sacred Music,' Lyceum, 9.15
6 *Ching-ming (Pure Brightness)*
6 *Maundy Thursday*
6 *Raid on Soviet Embassy, Peking (1927)*

Coming Events

APRIL

8 S.M. Orchestra, 2nd Performance 'Sacred Music,' Lyceum, 3
8 Ladies' Interport Hockey. Hongkong vs. Shanghai, Kiaochow Park, 3.15
8 B.W.A. Easter Party, 4.15
8 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
9 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
9 Ladies' Interport Hockey. Hongkong vs. The Rest, Kiaochow Park, 3.15
10 Ladies' Interport Hockey, Hongkong vs. The Greens, Kiaochow Park, 3.15
10 'Blue Mazurka,' Light Opera, Lyc., 5.30
11 Cathedral Boys' School Gymkhana, Ascot Riding School, 2.30
11 Anzac Society, Special gen. meeting
11 A.W.C. Literary Dept. meeting, 4.45
11 Interport Dance, Race Club, 9.30
12 Ministering Children's League Bridge and Mahjongg at 85 Ferry Road, 3
12 Annual Meeting of Subscribers of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, 5.30
12 Scouters mtg., 3rd Floor, Foreign Y, 5.30
12 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
12 Piano-Recital by Hans Baer, A.W.C.
13 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
13 S.S.P.C.A. ann. gen. mtg., Beck & Swann, 17 Bund, 5.15
13 British Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting, 27 Bund, 5.15
13 China Association (S'hai Branch) annual general meeting, 27 Bund, 5.15
13 'Chardash Princess,' by E. Kalman, Light Opera with K. Orlovskaya, Lyc., 8.45
14 Bateman-King, 'Through the Looking Glass,' Lyceum, 5.30
14 B.U.S.C. Supper Dance, W'ter G'den, 8
15 Bateman-King, 'Through the Looking Glass,' Lyceum, 3
15 'Chardash Princess,' Light Opera, Lyc., 8.45
16 Russian Philatelic Society Spring Bazaar and Exhibition, B.F.R.C., 10-8
16 'Chardash Princess,' Light Opera, Lyc., 8.45
16 A.T.A. presents 'Whose Money,' 'The Eve in Evelyn,' 'A Flower of Yeddo,' at Shanghai Jewish School, 9
17 Cradle Bridge/Manjongg, Y.M.C.A., 3
17 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
18 A.W.C. Musical Prog. Dupont, 4.45
18 Lester Chinese Hospital, Annual Meeting of Subscribers, 5.30
18 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
19 British Scouts Association Members Social, B.F.R.C., 8
19 Violin-Recital by Prof. Wittenberg, American Women's Club, 9
19 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
20 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
20 B.U.S.C., 'Chemical Therapy,' by L.H. Barton, Esq., 114 Peking Rd., 6
20 Concert, Community Church, 9
20 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
21 Dramatic Entertainment by P.T.H.S. for Girls
21 'St. George's Ball, C.S.F., 9.30
22 'St. George's Children's Party, Country Club, 4
22 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
23 'Svengally,' (Trilbi), Lyc. Theatre, 9
25 A.W.C. Bridge and Manjongg, 3
27 K.D.S. Bridge/Mahjongg Tea, Race Club, entrance Mohawk Road, 3
28 B.U.S.C. Annual Meeting at Park Hotel
30 St. Andrew's v. St. George's Soc., Golf Match

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6 Ballet Russe, 'Sleeping Beauty,' Lyceum

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 14 to April 21, 1939 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.

Shanghai, April 4, 1939. 11977

EWO COTTON MILLS, LIMITED

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eighteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Ewo Cotton Mills, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, No. 27 The Bund, Shanghai, on Thursday April 27, 1939, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the following purposes:—

To receive and consider the Report and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to declare a dividend, to elect the Consulting Committee and re-elect the Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

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House Rents:
A Question of Law

To the Editor of the
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Sir,—One is tempted to enquire whether A Foreign Syndicate, has practised in any of the local courts and in how many. Decisions in the District and Consular Courts are not usually published and, in spite of numerous contradictory judgments, the landlord's right to increase rents in these critical times is by no means clear. The mutual rights of landlord and tenant evidently arise out of contract and the covenants entered into are therefore binding, though the courts of law will not enforce payment of an increased rent where it does not represent a reasonable value for occupation, any more than it would enforce payment of rent, if the letting is for an immoral purpose. Certain lodgings and houses of assignation camouflaged as "boarding houses" come under this category. The above principle is exemplified in numerous cases.

Rumour also has it that the French Municipal authorities are contemplating vigorous actions to cope with the impasse. As an indication of what the spirit of present-day legislation is, I append a translation of an extract from a leader which appeared in "Le Mois" dated November 10, 1937. The article reads as follows:—

The law of June 30, 1926, completed by that of April 22, 1937, has established what is now called *propriété commerciale*." Ownership, which is already limited by the law, in respect of rent, is struck another blow. The owner can no longer dispose of his property as he chooses, the law having created a kind of perpetual lease. The guiding principle under the old rule was that of supply and demand. The new principle takes from the owner part of his right of ownership in order to grant it, conditionally, to the tenant. Landlord and tenant are no longer on equal footing, for the tenant has henceforth something to say. He may refuse to accept an increase in rent and he can also refuse to quit. We used to say in the old days: "*Le charbonnier est maître chez soi*" (i.e., "a man's house is his castle"). We shall have to amend our proverbs."

Not Lying Down.

Shanghai, Apr. 5.

Something Should be Done

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—It cannot be serviceable to the renter nor profitable to the house-owner to carouse over rent problems. Whether for good or for bad we are committed to living in houses and by people. War and peace conditions cannot exist side by side, but to say that hostilities necessitated the city's rent increases must be resented. Never before have so many tenants been so inconvenienced as during the past few months. However, it must be realized by all that profit means more to the house-owners than gratification of tenants. Wisely these owners accept higher rentals from other tenants who are willing to pay anything under temporary adverse conditions. It is realized now that these tenants cannot be blamed.

Admittedly, it looks as if something ought to be done to stop this profiteering, but to do so would be asking to stop all other forms of business competition where profit is so essential to progress. There are impossibilities.

Tuesday-off.

Shanghai, Apr. 4.

Radio Reception:
Question of Interference

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—There are many wonderful and interesting radio programmes audible on receiving sets in Shanghai today and yet nothing is done to eliminate that terrible bugbear of radio called "interference." We have harmonics from broadcasting stations with key clicks from commercial wireless stations, the latter also operating in the short wave broadcast bands.

These programmes are arranged at no small cost, and why it should be possible for one individual to disturb the joy and pleasure of thousands is beyond the understanding of the writer.

Is it not possible to get the co-operation of the powers that be towards the elimination of the unnecessary noises and disturbances that prevail today on all radio bands? Broadcasting stations that have harmonics should be closed down until the harmonics are removed. Wireless stations should be made to operate on the same basis as in any other country. Man-made electrical disturbances should be detected and corrected.

If this letter should be the cause of stopping only a small amount of the unwelcome noises that confront radio listeners, the writer will feel that his efforts have not been wasted.

T. J. Engstrom.

Shanghai, Apr. 5.

A New Cabaret:
Near Country Hospital?

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—On Avenue Haig almost immediately in front of the Country Hospital an old foreign-style house is being renovated, a new wall has been erected, a large sign placed on the roof and I understand an open air dance floor is being laid.

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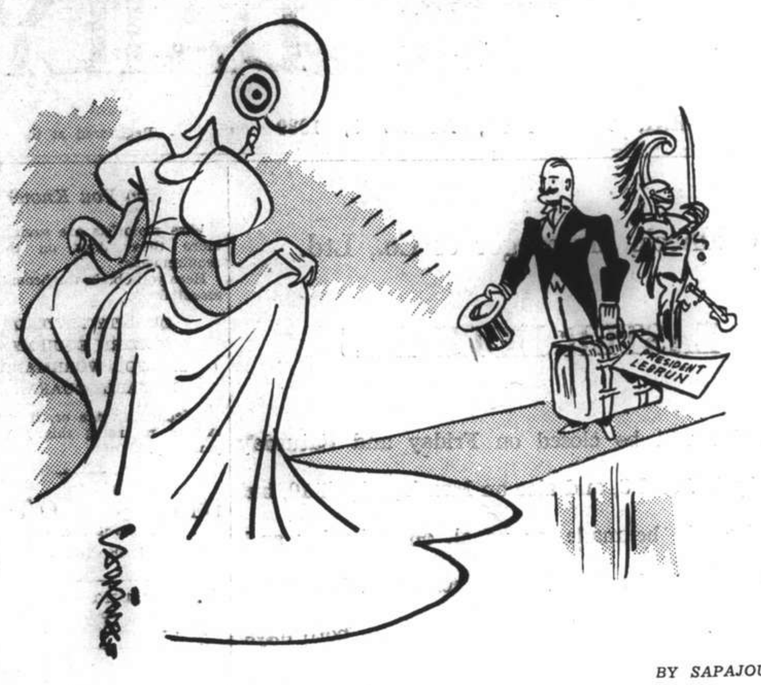
Shanghai, Apr. 5.



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Mr. Roosevelt's Stand Still Uncertain; Democratic Party Split May Occur

Washington, Apr. 5.

VICE President John Nance Garner is not yet an active candidate for the 1940 Democratic Presidential nomination but would accept the nomination if drafted by the party convention, authoritative sources said today. Congressional quarters believe Mr. Garner would prefer Mr. James A. Farley, Postmaster General, as his running partner for the Vice-Presidency. This possibility presents complications, however, since Mr. Farley also is a Presidential possibility.

Political observers believe a Garner-Farley ticket would be politically sound, barring a left wing, New Deal rebellion against returning control of the Democratic Party to comparative conservatives. The final test, it was believed, will depend largely on President Roosevelt's attitude toward a possible third term or his preferences for his own successor.

New York, Texas and Ohio are heavy favourites over other States to obtain representation on major party Presidential tickets in the 1940 campaign. The position of those States is helped by their high electoral college rank. New York casts 47 electoral votes, more than any other state. Ohio is in third place with 26. The others in the top electoral bracket are Pennsylvania 36; Texas, 23; and California, 22.

New York has three outstanding contenders for national convention recognition next year: Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican District Attorney of New York County; President Roosevelt and Mr. Farley.

Ohio offers two Republicans promoted to first political rank by last November's general election: Senator Robert A. Taft and Governor John W. Bricker.

Dewey Boom on Again

The Dewey-for-President boom is on again in recognition of his successful prosecution of James J. Hines, Tammany Hall district leader on charges of providing political protection for the notorious "Dutch" Shultz gang of numbers racketeers.

A Dewey boom was somewhat deflated last autumn when the young prosecutor was defeated for Governor of New York by Governor Herbert H. Lehman who squeezed through by a 67,000 plurality as the Democratic candidate with the support of the American Labour Party, the Socialists and Communists. But prosecution and conviction of Hines has considerably improved Mr. Dewey's chances. Many political observers believe the 1940 Republican Vice-Presidential nomination would be his for the taking and he is not counted out of the running for first place on the ticket.

Returns of Straw Votes

Polls and surveys demonstrate that Mr. Dewey has captured popular imagination. He was first choice of Republicans whose sentiments were sampled in a mid-Winter poll by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

The institute poll listed Republican favourites after Mr. Dewey in this order: Senator Arthur H. Vandenburg, Michigan, Senator Taft; Mr. Alf M. Landon, the 1936 Republican Presidential nominee; Senator William E. Borah, Idaho; former President Hoover and Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, of New York. The poll barely placed the last four in the affections of their party and it was significant that of the seven top Republican choices, only two—Borah and LaGuardia—would be classified as liberals, and that between them they enjoyed only eight per cent. of poll favour.

Governor Bricker of Ohio placed far down among the also-rans in this poll but political observers expect him steadily to improve his position if the breaks are with him in the administration of his state. His stock may rise at the expense of Senator Taft. Nomination of a Senator to be President is possible but history demonstrates that governors have a much better chance, and especially Governors of such heavily populated and therefore politically important states as Ohio.

Democratic Prospects

Democratic political prospects are shaded by uncertainty over President Roosevelt's intentions. His closest associates apparently do not know whether he will be a third term candidate. But the opinion is expressed here that Mr. Roosevelt must take himself out of the race by public announcement after this session of Congress or suffer such annoyance as may follow belief among politicians that he is a candidate.

If he is not himself a candidate, the President is expected to attempt to nominate a successor who will carry on the New Deal tradition. On that question he will aggravate a party split in which he will be opposed by the conservative Democratic group to be led by Mr. Garner, Mr. Farley, who also is Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and by local and state party bosses scattered through the nation. The conservatives believe they can prevent Mr. Roosevelt from picking a nominee to succeed him, but they doubt their ability to elect their own nominee unless he is sufficiently New-Dealish to compel Mr. Roosevelt's support. If the President rejected a conservative Democratic nominee, the election would be mere formality preliminary to the inauguration of a Republican president.

Mr. Roosevelt's Chances

Polls vary on Mr. Roosevelt's present political popularity. His personal popularity generally remains high despite the conservative and Republican trends of the past year. But a poll published by "Fortune" magazine reported that only one-third of the voters would support Mr. Roosevelt as a third term candidate, despite his high place in the affections of a considerably larger number of citizens.

Excluding Mr. Roosevelt, the conservatives repeat in Democratic polls the dominance they showed in Republicans polls. Mr. Farley and Mr. Garner consistently have been the choice of Democratic voters who were asked whom they would prefer in 1940 if Mr. Roosevelt were not a candidate. The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, likewise a conservative, has come up with the leaders and was on top in the poll taken last April.

Mr. Garner is 70, and some persons believe he is too old to be elected. Mr. Farley is Catholic, and no member of that faith has been President. Mr. Hull is 68, preoccupied with his State Department duties and unlikely to fight for the nomination. But those three are high in popular esteem and one or more of them probably will be on the Democratic tickets if conservatives control next year's nominating convention.

There are several 100 per cent. New Deal potentialities, including the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, currently reported to be Mr. Roosevelt's favourite. The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Interior, Mr. Harold L. Ickes, and the Solicitor General, Mr. Robert H. Jackson, are other potential New Deal favourites. To nominate any of them, Mr. Roosevelt would have first to defeat the conservative faction of his party, which the conservatives believe he could not do.—United Press.

Canada Will Come to Aid of Britain

Ottawa, Apr. 5.

That Canada will intervene in Europe to prevent any threat against Great Britain was confirmed in the House of Commons yesterday evening by Mr. Dention Massey, Conservative member.

"I believe that the majority of the Canadian people could not tolerate seeing the defeat and submission of the British people without doing everything in their power beforehand to avoid such a catastrophe," Mr. Massey stated.—Havas.

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Mackerel	35-40	Salmon	30-35
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Yellow fish	20-25		
Soles	25-30		
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Pigeon	40	Fowl	65
Duck, each	2.00-3.00	Turkey	75
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Chicken (young)	70	Goose ea.	3.50
		Wild pigeons	25

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Beans, French	25	Mushrooms	70-1.40
Rhubarb	30	Cauliflower	20-40
Beetroot	12	Horse radish	25
Big marrow	10	Leeks, bunch	8
Cucumber	25	Lettuce	20
Celery bunch	6	Onions Amer.	20
Cabbage	10	Onions, spr.	8
Carrots	10	Potatoes	8
Chillies	30	Potatoes Sweet	6
Egg-plant	25	Spinach	8
Endive, each	20	Tomatoes	50
Garlic	15	Turnips	8
Ginger	15	Green peas	15

FRUIT

Mandarin Or.	20-25	U.S. Oranges d.	1.20
G. Fruit ea.	25-30	Chestnuts	20
Canton orange	20-25	Chinese Apples	20-25
Lemon ea.	20		
Bananas	10-12		

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Aus. Flour 49lb	6.50		
U.S. ,,	8.00	Rice 220 lb.	17.50
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Grade 'B'	20-25	cents per pint.

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Barley 110 lb.	6.80	Bran 110 lb	3.80

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Best Anthracite (metric tons)	52.00
No. 1 House Coal	44.00
No. 1 Kitchen Coal	43.00
Firewood 10 small Bundles	$1.00
Charcoal (per 27 lb. Basket)	1.60

U.S. Shipbuilding to Be Hastened

New Aircraft Carrier to Be Launched at Quincy

Washington, Apr. 3.

Moving to speed United States naval expansion, the Navy Department today called for bids on May 24 from private ship builders for the construction of eight new warships.

The Navy already has almost 100 warships under construction and is expected to lay down two new 45,000-ton super-battleships in the near future. Construction of the oversize dreadnoughts was approved last week by President Roosevelt because of Japan's construction of similar vessels.

Mrs. Charles Edison, wife of the Assistant Secretary of Navy, will sponsor the launching of the new $20,000,000 aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Wasp, at Quincy, Mass., tomorrow. It will be the largest warships launched in Massachussetts shipyards in fourteen years.

The fact that the Navy called for bids for eight new warships before actually receiving funds for the construction of these vessels was almost without precedent and emphasized the desire to speed the defensive programme of the nation.

The Navy shipbuilding yards will also construct eight warships in addition to the eight which will be built by private concerns. The Navy yards will construct four fast, powerfully equipped torpedo boat destroyers and four submarines.—United Press.

Belgian Miners on Strike

Brussels, Apr. 4.

The number of miners on strike in the Belgian coal district is estimated at 11,000 this evening. Negotiations have opened. The strike was in protest against the 2½ per cent. reduction of wages announced by the employers. The Cabinet also discussed the conflict today.—Trans-Ocean.

Seventy Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News" of April 6, 1869

We extract from the "Japan Times" a very able article on the depreciation which the Japanese Government is effecting in the currency, and the danger to the interests of trade which is involved. Admitting the urgent straits for money, in which the Government finds itself, the writer suggests the commission of the control of its finance to foreign hands, the organization of the Customs on a foreign basis, as in China; and the raising a loan on the security of its revenue. A foreign financier, says "The Times" would be able, on the Customs of a highly elastic and yet undeveloped trade, to raise a considerable loan, and with this he could create a national credit, and support a Bank of Japan, which might issue a paper currency that would not immediately fall to a discount of 30 per cent. He could reform the currency, keep values steady; and inspire both native subjects and foreign guests with confidence in what would be a strong, because a solvent, Government.

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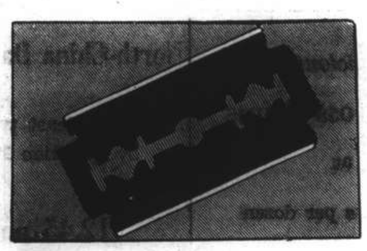

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NANKING.—"Sweethearts."—An intriguing romance, filmed entirely in technicolour and packed with clever dialogue, tells the story behind the story of Victor Herbert's famous operetta of the same name. No less than nine big production numbers permit the two stars to enchant with some of Herbert's most ear-haunting melodies. With Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, Florence Rice, Mischa Auer, Herman Bing and Reginald Gardiner. Reviewed elsewhere.

CATHAY.—"The Squeaker."—Chills, thrills, suspense, surprises in swift succession crowd every foot of this screen version of one of the late Edgar Wallace's best known detective mysteries. With Edmund Lowe, Ann Todd, Sebastian Shaw, Tamara Desn and Robert Newton. Last day.

METROPOL.—"Marie Antoinette."—Norma Shearer resumes her scree career as the little Austrian Arch duchess who became the last Queen o France. Tyrone Power co-stars as th gallant young Swede who risked h all to save her from the guillotine With John Barrymore, Robert Morley Anita Louise, Joseph Schildkraut an Gladys George. Last day.

RIALTO.—"Rascals."—Princess Jane of the Gypsies rescues a runaway rich girl who has lost her memory. With Jane Withers, Rochelle Hudson, Robert Wilcox, and others.

PARIS.—"Garden of the Moon"—Packed with excitement, romance, and snappy comedies and haunting melodies. With Pat O'Brien, Margaret Lindsay, John Payne, Johnnie Davis and Jimmy Fidler.

GOLDEN GATE.—"His Exciting Night."—Charlie Ruggles is forced into one exciting night"—and how he suffers! With Marion Martin and Maxie Rosenbloom.

CAPITOL.—"We're Going to be Rich."—A swift, hard-hitting drama of gold-rush days in Johannesburg. With Gracie Fields, Victor McLaglen and Brian Donlevy.

UPTOWN.—"Blockade"—Madeliene Carroll and Henry Fonda in thrilling war drama—also a number of "villains." Opens today.

Films Coming

"Topper Takes a Trip."—The disembodied dame who caused so much hilarity in "Topper," returns to earth once more to land luckless Roland Young in a great deal more trouble before finally restoring him to the arms of Mrs. Topper. With Constance Bennett, Roland Young, Billie Burke, Alan Mowbray, Verree Teasdale and Franklin Pangborn. Tomorrow at the **CATHAY.**

"Fisherman's Wharf."—Strange sights and unusual scenes among the fish-folk of San Francisco's colourful "Dead End," form the background for a warmly human romance that bubbles over with comedy and allows the star his best singing opportunity to date. With Bobby Breen, Leo Carrillo Henry Armetta, Lee Patrick and Slicker, the Seal. Tomorrow at the **METROPOL.**

"King of Alcatraz."—Two scrapping radio operators run into the adventure of their lives when a fugitive from Alcatraz captures their ship with a gang of cut-throats and gives the girl they are both crazy about a chance to prove she's as plucky as they are. With Gail Patrick, Lloyd Nolan, Harry Carey and J. Carrol Naish. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"The Crowd Roars."—Drama of a boy who slugs his way up from the slums to fame in the prize ring, finds himself a pawn in the hands of a shady gambling syndicate and puts up his greatest fight to free himself. With Robert Taylor, Maureen O'Sullivan, Edward Arnold, Frank Morgan, William Gargan and Lionel Stander. Booked for the **NANKING.**

"While New York Sleeps."—Clue-and-cutie chasing reporters meet a mystery so bewildering that it has to be solved twice—as they catch a killer before the killing, print the story of a murder before it happens—and then find the same man has been murdered again. With Michael Whelan, Jean Rogers, Chick Chandler, Robert Kellard and Joan Woodbury. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

"Bordertown."—The gripping and colourful romance of a young foreign-born American who satisfies his lust for power in a sordid town on the Mexican border and of the woman who does not stick at murder to link her fate with his. With Paul Muni, Bette Davis, Margaret Lindsay, Eugene Pallette, and Gavin Gordon. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

"Off The Record."—The tale of two newshound newly-weds who set a "Dead End" kid as a wedding present, together with the hilarious and thrilling scrapes they run into trying to reform him. With Pat O'Brien, Joan Blondell, Bobby Jordan, Alan Baxter and William Davidson. Soon at the **CATHAY.**

"Exposed."—Swift action pulsates through this dramatic tale of candid camera fiends and their scoops. Real trouble starts when their operations threaten the existence of a big city's underworld. With Glenda Farrell, Otto Kruger, Herbert Mundin and and David Oliver. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

"Three Loves Has Nancy."—The vivacious story of a small-town girl who goes to New York in search of the man who left her at the altar, and finds herself involved as the romantic pivot between two other men. With Robert Montgomery, Janet Gaynor Franchot Tone, Guy Kibbee, Claire Dodd and Reginald Owen. Soon at the **CATHAY.**

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CASANOVA.—Apollo's Gauchos. Floor show.

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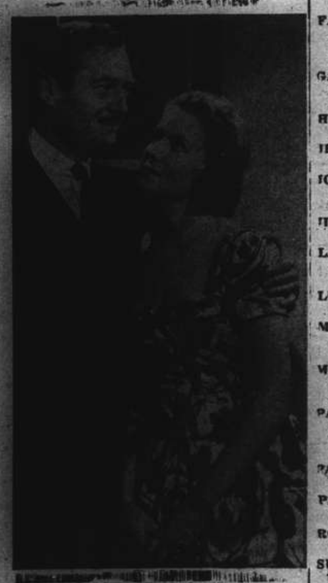

"The Squeaker"

Edmund Lowe will be at the Cathay Theatre today.

CHEZ ROVERE.—French and Italian cuisine.

D. D.'s NIGHT CLUB.—Russian and foreign style cuisine. Teddy and Ferry Guzza—also Onschik and his violin.

DEL MONTE.—Cabaret. Alabido's orchestra. Floor show.

FARRENS.—Duo Palotai, Milli Dani. Francisca and K. C. Dung. Fingerut's orchestra. Also the Nursery—Strasser's Quartette.

GAIETY.—Night club. Russian and foreign cuisine. Ruff brothers, Tarskays and Schierhorn.

HUNGARIA.—Continental cuisine. Wilkens. Stella Szirmay's orchestra.

JESSFIELD NIGHT CLUB.—Boder, Stern and Dutch.

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METROPOLE HOTEL.—Grill and dining rooms for business tiffins and other occasions.

PALACE HOTEL.—Tea lounge, snack counter and grill room. Music during tiffin tea and dinner by a classical trio.

PALAIS CAFE.—Cabaret, Swing music. Entertainment.

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ROXY.—Night club. Jack, Geza and Gino.

SUN YA.—Chinese delicacies at tiffin, tea and dinner.

TOWER.—Night club. Dinner at 8.30 and dancing at 9.30 p.m. Benbo, Bocharoff and Schlittner.

FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

"Sweethearts"

Another musical triumph, including nine songs, is at the Nanking Theatre, starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. Also in the cast are Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger and Mischa Auer.

"Fisherman's Wharf"

Opening at the Metropol Theatre tomorrow is this romance based on San Francisco's waterfront. Among the players are Bobbie Breen, Leo Carrillo, Henry Armetta and Lee Patrick.

"Topper Takes a Trip"

Long-awaited by Shanghai cine-fans this novel film comes to the Cathay Theatre tomorrow—featured are Roland Young, Constance Bennett, Billie Burke, Alan Mowbray and Verree Teasdale.

"Just Round the Corner"

Shirley Temple, box-office No. 1, opens at the Grand Theatre today, supported by Charles Farrell, Joan Davis, Amanda Duff, Bert Lahr, Bill Robinson, Franklin Pangborn and Bennie Bartlett.

Hollywood Producing Notes

Much Ado About "The Knights of the Round Table"; Better Shorts Expected

Paramount's decision to produce "The Knights of the Round Table" might seem to the layman to present one of the simpler problems with which genius could cope. It is probable that the studio regarded the project with comparable assurance. The legends are acceptable, they are standard, they suggest a minimum in censorship complications. And the tales afford a straightforward plot which should provoke no great crises.

Then Talbot Jennings began writing the script. For almost a year religion, history, dramatic unity, believability and the Hays office have, one by one, given King Arthur and his brave knights pause. The first decision was on source. After studying all of the versions of the tales, Sir Thomas Malory's "Morte d'Arthur" was selected as the starting point, with all of Tennyson abandoned except for a single slight incident. Malory, of course, did not assure smooth sailing. Some expurgations were required on moral grounds, the wealth of incident necessitated careful selection, and revisions in behalf of unity were compelled.

As the yarn now stands, it centres on the Guinevere-Arthur-Lancelot triangle, with the unfaithfulness of the lady handled in a nice way, of course. The story arc will contain the coming of Arthur, the unification of Britain, the love intrigue, the revolt of Modred and the death of Arthur. Only one casting has been made thus far—that of Douglas Fairbanks, jun., as Lancelot. (Because it is deemed ill-advisable to play Fairbanks as mature enough to have a grown son, Galahad will not grow up and the Holy Grail cannot for this reason be recovered.) With movie audiences what they are, Paramount fears the reaction of the customers at the sight of a hand, a chalice and a spear appearing out of nowhere before Percival, and so the cycle of the Grail has been minimized.

The problem of period perplexed the producers. Politically, the action will take place in the sixth century, for the Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Picts and Scots are used as the villains. Because of the necessity of costume standards, pictorially the film will be of the twelfth century. There are several reasons for this discrepancy. Little is known about sixth-century Britain, and it is impossible to secure authentic designs for all dresses.

Photographically, the religious customs of British Christianity under Rome are more desirable than those of the Celtic church. Malory, writing in the fifteenth century, also has influenced the tale, for he was guilty of anachronistic expressions.

Ritz Brothers Subdued

Although it is difficult to believe, the Ritz Brothers are subdued. Following their return to Twentieth Century-Fox after their rebellion of a few weeks ago and the subsequent suit by the studio for $150,000 damages, the boys speak only in whispers. They still insist that they are colossal but their ones are hushed. In discussing the rebellion and its settlement, Jimmy Ritz says, "We are very, very happy to be back, and Mr. Zanuck is very, very happy to have us back. The whole thing was just a misundertanding. You know what I mean?"

Harry Ritz says, "I want to tell you this is a great corporation we're were working for. They're right and we're right. You know what I mean?" Al Ritz had no comment to make. Although the Ritzes were regarded with some bitterness by the studio during the trouble, all seems to be sweetness and light today and it is improbable that Fox will press its claim for damages resulting from the five-day delay in filming "The Gorilla."

This Ralph Spence play, which first saw the light at the Selwyn Theatre in 1925, has been altered somewhat. In addition to Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Garrity, there is a third detective, a Mr. Harrigan; these are played by the Ritzes. Joseph Calleia is the criminal who masquerades in a gorilla suit. The costume was made by Perc Westmore, head of Warners make-up department, as a hobby. He took a year and a half to construct it and it is said that he was driven to it as a matter of relaxation from so much beauty. It cost him $2,800 and he receives $1,200 a week rental.

The arm of the ape provides many of the thrills, but Calleia does not have to be on duty for this action. Fox uses Harold Goodwin for the role. He is a stock player who appeared as a voice or a bit in all Fox films last year but one, he says. He was a star in 1920, but now he is used mostly for tests. During cutting, it was decided that the Missourians in "Jesse James" had a too pronounced Missouri accent and that the public would be confused. Goodwin's voice was dubbed in as a substitute. He had a similar chore in "The Three Musketeers" when his voice was used in place of some French dialects.

Lee Tracy's Return to Screen

Irene Franklin has completed her role in RKO's "What's a Fixer For?" which marks Lee Tracy's return to the American screen, and she is considerably mystified by the excitement within the studio that attended her acquisition. She says she does not know why she was sent for. She had been in Hollywood for five years without making an impression on casting directors. Giving up, she returned to New York to sing at Casa Manana and during her engagement received a wire from RKO saying, "We need you." She flew to the Coast and was assigned to a part that involved two scenes. When she returns to Manhattan it will be to join Lew Cantor's musical show.

Virginia Weidler is in the picture, too. She is regarded as one of the more important of the child players and understandable caution surrounds her exploits. In fact, she is appearing only in close shots with a Chinese youngster, Camille Chan, employed as double. In addition to protecting Virginia from injury, the double permits greater speed in filming.

They make the long shots with Camille while Virginia is in the studio classroom, and when she emerges for close-ups Camille undergoes the torture of education. The film affords Tracy one of those roles which brought him fame on the screen—he is a fixer for a circus, who takes care of all the trouble the show gets into.

Most of the circus atmosphere will be contributed by six lions, which were rented for $1,500, and by Queenie and Sally, the pet elephants of Frank Whitbeck, who is Metro's advertising manager. None of the players will come in contact with the lions, in spite of the climax which involves Peggy Shannon's rescue of Virginia from the path of a charging beast. The rescue will be achieved via the process screen. In the scenes in which Miss Shannon purports to be in the animals' cages, the player will be Louis Roth, their 55-year-old Hungarian trainer, who doubles for the actress in a red wig. He receive $15 a day for looking after the lions and $35 when he serves as double.

Better Short Subjects

Because of the increased attention being given short subjects on several of the lots, there is a growing conviction in Hollywood that coincidental with the rearrangement which seems inevitable in the face of the government's anti-trust suit, the industry will seek to end the double bill practice. More money is being spent on shorts than ever before, and Warners and Metro are investing theirs with considerable originality. One that Metro believes will attract attention is being edited following receipt of the film from James Fitzpatrick, who shot it at the Marine Studios near St. Augustine, Fla.

The short will not afford MGM the problem that has been created by the use of similar scenes in the Tarzan picture. The Marine Studio management has requested that due credit be given the institution in the picture, and with Johnny Weissmuller purportedly doing his chest-thumping in Africa, the bald admission that the scenes were Florida-made is liable to be disillusioning.

Metro likes to think of the short as a documentary picture. It was shot in colour and by natural light, and the cameras were able to penetrate 35 feet below the surface. To give it the proper Hollywood and Florida touch, bathing girls are shown in the tanks with the more harmless of the fish. In this phase the film is not strictly documentary.

Large Floorshow

With its large floorshow, Farrens are able nightly to present an entertainment programme, rivalling the best in Shanghai. The bill, headed by the Duo Palotai, is diversified and caters to the wants of patrons. The Palotai numbers, done in imported costumes, have been a great success since their debut last Saturday and their coming programme—to be changed over the holidays—should enhance their growing reputation. Francisca continues as popular as ever with her varied Spanish interpretations, while Milli Dani has an extensive repertoire, which allows for many changes. In. K. C. Dung, Chinese juggler, the management has a distinct "find." The Nursery on the floor above should be a rendezvous for many over the week-end holidays.

Easter at Del Monte

The Del Monte promises something unique and different over the Easter Holidays and, as from tomorrow night, will present a distinctive floor show of eight to ten acts, an item being presented on the average each 25 minutes. Kay Meltzer is specializing in a novel rhumba, while Alla Toomanova's new Spanish interpretation is sure to please. Alabido's orchestra needs no introduction and, having pleased patrons for months, are to do several musical skits.

At the Gaiety

The Ruff Brothers, pianist and violinist, respectively, continue popular at the Gaiety, where they compensate patrons with musical interludes between dancing and entertainment items. Their classical and jazz music—they are able to jazz the classical—is something different from the ordinary run of things and demonstrates why they are favourites. Serge's orchestra attends for dancing.

French Club Dance

The following attractive programme has been arranged for Saturday's dinner dance at the French Club. With the approach of Easter, Shanghai has been very gay, and Saturday should be an exception.

"Oriental" ..... Hazankina
"Gipsy" ..... Al Petro and Brothers
"Papillon" ..... L. Verdi
"Romanesque" ..... V. Shousline
"Fantaisie" ..... Hazankina

Bateman-King Recital

Booking is now open at the Lyceum and Moutries for "Through the Looking Glass." This will be the eighth recital by the Bateman King School of Dancing and should surpass anything they have done so far. Choregraphy and costumes throughout the entire programme are by Carol Bateman and Audrey King and are distinctly original and in keeping with the story.

"Through the Looking Glass" opens with Alice and her two kittens: the part of Alice being taken by Joy Blackwood and the two kittens by Eve Powell and Elizabeth Joan Hamilton, respectively, a delightful opening to a very promising show.

The story is well portrayed in dance and mime—naturally certain artistic licence has been taken in order to overcome many stage difficulties in presenting this story but the characters are true to the book as also are Alice's adventures.

Orlovskaya's Return

The presentation by the Russian Light Opera on April 13, 15 and 16, of "Chardash Princess," better known perhaps as "Silva," will be marked, according to present plans, by the return to the stage of Orlovskaya, prima donna, who has been ill since early autumn. This popular star will sing the title role.

Supporting her in Kalman's composition, will be Valin, Rosen, Kudinoff, Tomsky and Vargina, among others, while Poliakova has been engaged for the second feminine part. Special ballet scenes are being prepared by Seroff and Manjelei.

Franz Lehar's "Blue Mazurka" will be repeated in the Lyceum on Easter Monday, at 5.45 p.m.

"Hold Tight" Novelty

Merchandise prizes, plus one cash prize, will be given away tonight at the Winter Garden in connection with the regular Amateur Singing Contest, which will commence promptly at 10.30 p.m. and will be under the direction of Jimmy James. The regular floor show will follow, thus providing more than two hours of entertainment. New numbers will be presented, but outstanding is expected to be the "Hold Tight" novelty, brought to Shanghai direct from the United States by Mr. James, and presented by Jimmy, Tommy Missman, Sid Kamau, Tod Sanborn and Porfirio Vila.

"Svengali"

Markoff will sing with the Russian A.D.M.C. at the Lyceum soon.

Week-end at the Cathay

Another sparkling floor show of five numbers is to be presented by the Cathay Ballroom management at their weekly dinner dance on Saturday night. Featured will be a brilliant Spanish solo, a dancing duo and several "singles." Alex and his orchestra will accompany the artistes and play toe-enticing dance melodies. The management of the Tower announces that special Easter festivities will be observed on Easter Sunday and, in addition to the regular programme, novelties will be introduced and a souvenir for each lady.

Kniazeff Ballet

At the Arcadia, Nick Kniazeff this week is producing a new show, with several unique dance routines, as well as doubles and trios, himself taking part in several turns. Much credit for the popularity of the establishment redounds to the indefatigable Serge Ermoll and his music masters, to whom a request is a pleasure. Owing to the incidence of Russian Easter, the Arcadia will be closed on Saturday night in order to allow heir staff to observe the religious rites of the church.

Teddy and Ferry

The Guzzas, Teddy and Ferry, continue to regale patrons of the Avenue Joffre premises of Messrs. D. D.'s Not a small portion of their entertainment ability lies in their vocal duets and, competent as they are in seven languages, it is seldom that they are "stumped" with request numbers. Their comedy items are highly satisfactory and Ferry's antics, sometimes on top the piano, sometimes on the floor, generally "bring down the house."

Trio Hula Dance

Reopened last Saturday as a first-class night club and with a new dance band and a fast-moving floor show, L'Eventail Night Club is said to be doing well. G. Neumann's orchestra provides the inspiration for dancing. The floor show is headed by the Misses Catherine, Anna and Elizabeth Kulpa, singers and dancers. This week they are featuring a trio hula dance. L'Eventail serves short orders at all hours, has a comfortable cocktail bar and is open all night.

Geza and Gino

Having for their slogan this week, Auerbach's "music washes away from the soul the dust of every-day life," the classical orchestra at the Roxy renders glorious melodies and tunes. Geza and Gino, masters of the piano, and either singly or together are sure to please to the most exacting, be he critic or dancer. They sing as well.

At the Maskee

Laura Guerite and her inexhaustible stock of jokes and skits form the *pièce-de-résistance* on the entertainment bill at the Maskee which, with its restful lounging overstuffed chairs and divans, has a steady clientele. Assisting with instruments are Sellers, at the piano, Golshtein, drums, and Ignatieff and his accordion.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Interport Hockey Team to Arrive Here Today

Strong Side from Hongkong Slightly Favoured Over Shanghai; First Game on Saturday

INVADING Shanghai today bent on capturing major hockey honours is the Hongkong Ladies' Interport team which is expected to arrive about noon in the Indo-China S.N. Company's ss. Yu Sang which will berth at the Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on the French Bund. On hand to welcome the visitors will be officials of the Shanghai Ladies Hockey Association, local players and friends of the visiting team. All arrangements have been completed, both hockey and social, and plans indicate an entertaining sojourn for the Colony's representatives.

Conceded to be a strong team this year, the Hongkong players have been made slight favourites over the Shanghai side. Although the following ladies were selected to play for Hongkong, no definite news has been received with regard to which players actually are arriving today.

Mrs. T. Lunson, Miss G. White, Mrs. M. Wilcot, Miss A. Fowler, Miss B. Greaves, Miss H. Reid, Miss I. Wooley, Miss I. Stone, Miss M. Westcott, Mrs. W. Daiziel, Mrs. M. Read, Miss M. Harker, Mrs. O. Burnett, Miss J. Grieg, Miss M. Booker.

A series of three games, as previously announced, will be played at Kiaochow Park, commencing on Saturday at 3.15 p.m. for three successive afternoons. Admission for the first game, the Interport Match, will be $1 while for other two games, Hongkong against the Rest of Shanghai and Hongkong against the Greens, tickets will cost fifty cents each.

The local sides have been holding a few noon practices lately because of their inability to play over the last week-end on account of rain. The final practice will take place today. If time permits, the Hongkong team will also use the field today, late in the afternoon, in order to get rid of their sea legs.

Interport Dance

All arrangements have been completed for the Interport Dance in honour of the Hongkong Interport Team which the Shanghai Ladies Hockey Association will hold on Tuesday, April 11, at 9.30 p.m. in the Green Room of the Shanghai Race Club. There will be a floorshow of several song and dance numbers and piano accordion solos, as well as novelty items in which all can join.

Special attention has also been given to the supper which will be served at 11 p.m. Guests are assured of a very enjoyable evening and it is suggested that tables be reserved in advance, through Mrs. Gilroy, (Tel. 72197) Tickets at $3.50 may be obtained through any Association member and at the door.

Kobe Team Defeats American School

Visiting Basketball Side Rallies Impressively in Second Half

A barrage of five field goals in the second quarter helped the Canadian Academy basketball team from Kobe to gain an initial victory over the Shanghai American School yesterday. The score read 21 to 17, with the losers staging a belated rally in the concluding minutes.

The Academy boys arrived in Shanghai yesterday afternoon at 2 p.m. and directly went out to the American School to prepare for the game which started at 5 p.m.

It took the visitors fully ten minutes to shake off their sea legs as they trailed in the first quarter by 4-3. Play was slow, the local team using a slow deliberate offence all the time while the visiting quintette chose both forms of attack.

The winners were ably led by their captain, Johnny Clark. Although playing the guard position, he was all over the floor and proved a key man in offensive measures. The whole team was much bigger than the Schoolboys and had a distinct advantage in under-the-basket play, blocking out set shots and catching the rebounds with a high degree of efficiency.

S.A.S. Overanxious

The S.A.S. players were too unsteady in shooting. Chances were wasted because of over-anxiousness. Freeman and Benjamin had the misfortune of seeing some "certain" goals pop out of the ring, especially in the last quarter when a goal or two would have turned the tide of battle. With only a minute to go, the local team had reduced arrears to 19-17 but Johnny Clark sank the last goal from a well executed out-of-bounds play under the S.A.S. basket, thereby securing the game and ending the excitement.

From the centre-jump, S.A.S. took up the pressure. Following an unsuccessful shot, Freeman managed to swish in the opening goal. Eugene Clark, the captain's brother, converted a foul shot but Freeman netted his second shot from a fine dribble to put the local side 4-1 ahead. Thirty seconds from the close of the quarter Johnny Clark scored the first field basket for the visitors.

With the start of the second quarter, the Canadian boys ran roughshod over their opponents. They changed their pace, exploiting a fast-break. Unable to recover their defensive positions in time, the School team lost five field goals in succession. Donald Shively was the chief threat, countering three times. The Clark brothers each garnered one to lead at half-time by 13-4.

Visitors Come Surging Back

After the rest period, the trailers came surging back and attacked relentlessly. The Academy five resorted to defensive tactics, showing signs of content with their seven-point lead. Brown and Hipps tallied a goal apiece to cut the margin down to 13-8. Near the end of the third quarter Hackett scored for the visitors but Ball gained a pretty shot in the last few seconds for the School.

Eugene Clark, Ball, and Robinson increased the score to 19-13 but before the visitors could get away the trailers fought desperately and managed to catch up to 19-17 as Benjimin and Ball netted long shots and Freeman tossed in a free throw. Then came the elder Clark's goal which eventually sewed up the game.

The summary:—

CANADIAN ACADEMY

	ft.	ft.	f.	pts.
R. Hackett, f.	1	0	0	2
T. Yamada, f.	0	0	4	0
D. Shively, f.	3	0	1	6
D. Baldon, f.	0	0	0	0
E. Clark, c.	2	1	1	5
H. Martin, c.	0	0	0	0
J. Clark, g.	3	0	0	6
S. Robinson, g.	1	0	0	2
J. Ahrens, g.	0	0	0	0
A. Kawasjee, g.	0	0	0	0
	10	1	3	21

AMERICAN SCHOOL

O. Hipps, f.	1	0	1	2
H. Harnsberger, f.	0	0	0	0
L. Jorgensen, f.	0	0	0	0
B. Benjimin, f.	1	0	0	2
B. Freeman, c.	2	1	0	5
L. Ball, g.	3	0	0	6
C. Brown, g.	1	0	0	2
K. Damsgaard, g.	0	0	0	0
	8	1	1	17

Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1, Vita Spermin; 2, El Gringo.
Also ran:—Poppyland II, Se You Kee, Regal, Wild Wind.
1½ length.—Time, 27.13.
Win, $37.20. Forecast (2-1) Div. $236.60.
Place, 1st $16.90; 2nd $18.10.
2—500 yd. flat.—1, Mascot Major; 2, Slippery Sam.
Also ran:—The Mate, Princeton, Silver Days, Sandals.
A head.—Time, 31.02.
Win, $30.90. Forecast (6-2) Div. $39.90.
Place, 1st $10.30; 2nd $7.10.
Double Event 1/2 (2-6) Div. $45.00.
3—500 yd. flat.—1, Brass Hat 2, Advance Guard.
Also ran:—Kind Girl, Strathspey, Shenkoland II, Speedwing.
½ length.—Time, 30.75.
Win, $16.90. Forecast (4-3) Div. $66.60.
Place, 1st $9.50; 2nd $15.50.
Double Event 2/3 (6-4) Div. $57.10.
4—500 yd. flat.—1, Black Enchantress; 2, Expansion.
Also ran:—Lady's Man, Outlaw, Emmaeus, Victory II.
1½ lengths.—Time, 30.30.
Win, $39.60. Forecast (4-1) Div. $242.50.
Place, 1st $20.60; 2nd $17.50.
Double Event 3/4 (4-4) Div. $81.60.
5—500 yd. flat.—1, Sancy; 2, Marble King.
Also ran:—Lulla Dale, Coguette., Lieutenant, Crummie.
A head.—Time, 30.33.
Win, $37.70. Forecast (4-1) Div. $157.30.
Place, 1st $11.40; 2nd $11.70.
Double Event 4/5 (4-4) Div. $54.70.
6—500 yd. flat.—1, Ships; 2, Our Hope.
Also ran:—O'Branagan, Shanghai Stroll, Jacko, Bethany.
1½ length.—Time, 30.33.
Win, $23.20. Forecast (6-1) Div. $87.90.
Place, 1st $10.20; 2nd $9.90.
Double Event 5/6 (4-6) Div. $71.60.
7—500 yd. flat.—1, Peony; 2, Porthos.
Also ran:—Fulover, Moody Mask, Grayzeb, Assurance.
6 lengths.—Time, 30.16.
Win, $29.20. Forecast (5-6) Div. $132.40.
Place, 1st $15.60; 2nd $13.10.
Double Event 6/7 (5-5) Div. $36.40.
8—500 yd. flat.—1, Drummer; 2, Young Talgal.
Also ran:—Viscountess, Future Pal, Star Boy, Glencoe.
2 lengths.—Time, 29.93.
Win, $20.60. Forecast (2-1) Div. $55.90.
Place, 1st $10.30; 2nd $9.70.
Double Event 7/8 (5-2) Div. $63.90.
9—525 yd. flat.—1, Athos; 2, O.I.C.
Also ran:—Instructor, Lido, Lady Dale, Careless Beauty.
3 lengths.—Time, 30.88.
Win, $28.10. Forecast (4-2) Div. $96.00.
Place, 1st $12.30; 2nd $14.00.
Double Event 8/9 (2-4) Div. $64.60.
10—525 yd. flat.—1, So Far City; 2, Theydon Bois.
Also ran:—Radio, Miss Hummer, Chilly Eve, Glenapp.
5 lengths.—Time, 30.76.
Win, $21.20. Forecast (5-2) Div. $92.10.
Place, 1st $14.00; 2nd $14.30.
Double Event 9/10 (4-5) Div. $79.40.
11—500 yd. flat.—1, Whirlwind 6, 2, Our Fortune.
Also ran:—Drifting Snow, Blarney Stone, Vassar, Lady Luck.
3 lengths. Time, 29.37.
Win, $11.10. Forecast (3-5) Div. $75.50.
Place, 1st $7.80; 2nd $13.00.
Double Event 10X11 (5-3) Div. $30.60.

Good Friday Golf at Seekingjao

Golf at Seekingjao tomorrow will be played according to the following schedule:

SEEKINGJAO GOOD FRIDAY

8.32 Hartnett, Rogers/Tibble, Marks
8.44 Smith, McDonald/Rigg, Huggett
8.52 Neumann, Keiep/Grubb, Carson
9.04 Jones, Beeman/Corbett, Poulsen
9.12 Saphiere, MacDonald
9.40 Kench, Denton
9.34 Dixon, Cox/Beveridge, Drysdale
9.28 Lewis, Bell/MacFarlane, Browne
9.44 Captain/Meyerink, Wolsiffer
9.52 Russell, Cizek/Piper, Marshall
10.04 Willson, Morrison/Davis, Mennie
10.16 Black, Allan/Blackwood, Chassels
10.24 McCutcheon, Kennedy
Openshaw, Maughan
10.32 Judd, Openshaw
Wentworth, Mrs. Gordon
10.44 Wienberg, Mrs. Grubb
10.48 Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Black
10.52 Farnsworth, Mitchell
12.32 Higgs, Ballingall
1.04 Smith, Ballingall
2.04 King, Sawyer
2.08 Harper, Mrs. Harper

Cotton to Captain Ryder Cup Team

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 4.

Henry Cotton has been appointed captain of the British Ryder Cup golf team to meet the United States in Florida in November.—Reuter.

Study of Rowing Expressions

An unusual close-up of the Oxford eight which, although strongly favoured to win, rowed raggedly in the Boat Race, losing to Cambridge by four lengths. Every ounce of muscle, weight and stamina goes into the race.

Columbus' Gallop Best of Morning

Griffin Confirms Place As Favourite for Derby On Monday Afternoon

BY "CHING"

The International Recreation Club is to hold the 2nd and 3rd day of the 27th Annual Race Meeting on Saturday and Monday, getting two full days' racing, with the first saddling bell each day at 11.30 a.m.

Entries for both days are good. On Saturday the 1939 subs will have to run over the 1½ mile course to decide which can pass in as the Easter Sub-Griffin Derby winner. And on Monday they will have their Champions at 1¼ mile to be run for. Also on Monday is the I.R.C. Derby Day, this race being open to all 1939 griffins, of which nineteen have entered. In view of these two days' racing, some of the training gallops done this week may be of interest.

Some Sub Gallops

Amongst the sub gallops to come under my notice: El Draco did his mile in 2.26, last quarter 34; Mr. Sketch, 1¼ mile in 3.18, last quarter 33, Quick Change went 1¼ mile with Un Un Un, doing it in 3.13.2, last quarter 32.3, both finishing well. Spring Tide went one mile in 2.20.3, last quarter 31.3, striding out well at the finish. Special Delivery was content with ¾ mile having Bell Hop with him, doing it in 1.46, last quarter 33.3. I did not actually time the gallop done by Second Thoughts but I hear he did 1¼ mile in 2.56.3, last quarter 33.

On Tuesday, Anything Goes was given a steady 1¼ mile, doing it in 3.00.3, last quarter 32.1, finishing well, but having no company for the last furlong, made him appear not to be taking the interest in his work one likes to see in a race pony. Ashridge with Northwood did the mile in 2.18.4, last quarter 31.3.

Griffin Gallops

Hindhead, Moor Park, and Stanmore all went a mile together, to finish it up in 2.12.4, last quarter 33, Hindhead seemingly holding the other two comfortably. He looks on the big side but may start on Saturday and possibly win.

Yesterday's was a faster course than Tuesday's and some ponies took advantage of it to make fast time and please their stable connections. Joylight and Fairylight went one mile together in 2.14.4, last half 1.03.4, last quarter 31.3, both finishing well. Citylight and Mistylight went a similar distance together, the time being 2.18.1, last quarter 32.1.

Haiphong did his mile in 2.19, last quarter 33, Mr. Chipps went 1¼ mile, doing the last mile in 2.23.2, last quarter 33.3. Scarlet Pimpernel over the mile took 2.18.3, last quarter 33.3.

Columbus' Grand Gallop

The gallop of the morning was done by Columbus with G. P. Gram riding, the pony doing 1¼ mile in 2.48.3, (others made the time less) last mile 2.10.2, last ¾ 1.37.1, last half 1.02.4, last quarter 31. The only thing against the performance was he bored in badly on the rails. This in a race may make all the difference between winning and losing. This gallop confirms the position he at present holds as first favourite for next Monday's Derby.

Naming Morn did an attractive 1¾ mile in 2.54, last quarter 32, but I was not so pleased with Radiant Morn, who did 1½ mile in 3.43.3, last quarter 32.4.

Cars Raced on Ice

Winsted, Conn., Apr. 4.

Motor car racers have found a new sport to thrill them during the winter months—racing on frozen Highland Lake. They enter the contests in old jalopies which skid and swerve around a 30-mile course with amazing good fortune.—United Press.

Steel Now Boxing Coach

Olympia, Wash., Apr. 4.

The world's former middleweight boxing champion, Freddie Steel, has become the boxing coach at St. Martin's college near here.—United Press.

Britain Hopes to Win Westchester Cup

British Team Will Not Lack Good Mounts

New York, Apr. 1.

Gerald Balding, the British polo player who has arrived here from India declared that Britain was determined to win back the Westchester Cup this year.

Balding is not daunted by the fact that the United States can field, if necessary, a forty goal team. He thinks that Great Britain has a good chance.

According to Balding, Pat Roark, of the famous Roark brothers, had been invited to join the British team and Ivor Balding, had also been invited.

"We have however," he said, "had to abandon hope of having Humphrey Guiness with us at the start of the season here, and perhaps we will not have him until June. The War Office has refused him leave from Palestine where he is stationed."

Balding said that the British team should not lack for quality in ponies as the Nawab of Bhopal and the Maharaja of Kashmir were sending mounts to the United States.

The United States, the holders, have formally accepted Britain's challenge. The Cup was last played for in England in 1936, when America won by three matches to none.—Reuter.

Swam Ten Miles in His Clothes

Sydney, Apr. 1.

Alan Denny, aged 26, has swum ten miles in Sydney harbour, clad in socks, suspenders, trunks, trousers, shirt, vest, collar and tie, in six hours and 59 minutes. This is claimed to be a world's record.

Denny encountered choppy water, strong currents and headwinds during his swim, which was carried out behind a shark proof net towed by a motor launch. He complained of the coldness of the water during the first five miles, but finished strongly.

Three members of the Royal Life Saving Society acted as referees and judges of the swim.—Reuter.

Girl Cricketer After Hutton's Record

Sydney, Apr. 1.

Maxine Clarke, a seventeen-year-old girl cricketer from Cootamundra (N.S.W.), is determined to break Len Hutton's record Test score of 364 before she is 26 years old.

"They tell me it is hopeless, but to me nothing is hopeless," she said. "I like breaking people's records."

Miss Clarke, who made her first century when she was twelve years old, plays cricket with men, and even keeps wicket for them. She does not mind fast bowling. In fact the faster it is, the better she likes it.—Reuter.

TRAINING GALLOPS

IN fine weather on a fast track early yesterday morning, Shanghai's race ponies went through their training gallops in preparation for coming meetings. All gallops were done on the inside course and the times recorded were as follows.

Pony & Rider	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	1m.	1¼m.	Last ¼
(1st Class & Unclassified Ponies)						
Autumnlight, Boy	38	1.14.2	1.48	2.19.3		31.3
Benlomond, Boy	37	1.12	1.44	2.16		32
Busted Straight, Boy	39	1.15	1.47	2.18		31
Cherrylight, Boy	38	1.17	1.52	2.23		31
Cordon Rouge, Mrs. Liddell	39.2	1.16	1.49.2	2.20.2		31
Corps Cavalry, A. A. White	38	1.12.3	1.45.3	2.17		31.2
Don Pedro, C. G. Jack	38	1.16	1.49	2.23		34
Duke of Cornwall, R. Morgan	40	1.19	1.57	2.33	3.06	33
Flying High, H. Maitland	38	1.13	1.48	2.22		34
Honeymoon Gift, Boy	35	1.11	1.46	2.17.3		31.3
Little Pal, ?	40	1.16	1.51	2.24		33
Major, ?	35	1.12	1.47	2.18.2		31.2
Mefistofele, ?	36.2	1.10.2	1.44	2.17		33
Phantom, Boy	35.2	1.09	1.40.2	2.11.2		31
Merry Jester, G. P. Gram	37.3	1.12.3	1.46	2.17.2		31.2
Merrylight, Boy	39	1.16	1.50	2.20.3		30.3
Mountaineer, Boy	40	1.17	1.52	2.24		32
Newcastle, A. F. Clark	38	1.12	1.44	2.15		31
Roehampton, Boy	38	1.16	1.52	2.25	2.55.3	30.3
Socrates, I. H. Howell	37	1.12	1.44.2	2.16		31.3
The Frigate, A. Noodt	39	1.17	1.46	2.18		32
Un-Un-Un, G. P. Gram	41	1.20.3	1.49.3	2.20	3.12	32
Woodbridge, Boy	38	1.12	1.44	2.15.2		31.2
Bagshot, A. F. Clark	38	1.16	1.52	2.25	2.56	31
Windsor Lad, H. Maitland	35	1.09	1.41.2	2.13		31.3
(2nd Class Ponies)						
Beautylight, Boy	38.2	1.15	1.49	2.21		32
Black Pirate, Boy	37	1.13.3	1.47	2.18		31
Blue Boy, Mrs. Liddell	35	1.10	1.42.3	2.15.1		32.3
Cotton Bleu, Boy	35	1.08.3	1.42	2.14		32
Crispylight, E. B. Moller	38	1.14	1.47.2	2.20		32.3
Ebonylight, Boy	38	1.14	1.47.2	2.20		32.3
Fancylight, E. B. Moller	38.3	1.13.3	1.47	2.19		32
Goldenlight, Boy	37	1.13	1.46	2.17		31
Kanounatoe, Boy	38	1.17	1.54	2.31	3.04	33
Lively Morn, A. A. White	37	1.11	1.43	2.17		34
Magic Shell, Boy	35	1.10	1.42.3	2.15		32.3
Sammy, G. Renner	35.3	1.11	1.44	2.15.3		31.3
Snapylight, Boy	38	1.13.3	1.47	2.19		32
The Cosmopolitan, Boy	36.3	1.15	1.52	2.26	2.59	33
The Midget, Boy	37	1.13.2	1.47	2.18		31
Toodle-do, E. B. Cumine	38	1.15	1.48			33
Tungstenlight, Boy	38	1.14	1.48	2.21		33
Vickylight, Boy	40	1.16	1.52	2.24		32
White Wine, Boy	37	1.13.3	1.47.3	2.20		32.2
White Birthday, Boy	36	1.10	1.43	2.16		33
Don Agustin, ?	36.2	1.10.2	1.44	2.17		33
(3rd & 3a Class Ponies)						
Man O'Pep, ?	38	1.13.3	1.45.3	2.18		32.2
Man O'Zeal, ?	37	1.13	1.45	2.18		35
Man O'Zest, ?	38	1.09.3	1.43.3	2.16		32.2
Night Raider, Boy	38	1.15	1.50	2.23	2.55	32
Romford, Boy	35.3	1.11	1.44	2.15		31.3
Off Chance, A. M. Jessen	34	1.09	1.43	2.16		33
(Griffins of 1939)						
Faust, Boy	40	1.18	1.53	2.25		32
Merry Kingman, G. P. Gram	37	1.13	1.47	2.18.2		31.2
Danbury, ?	39	1.15.3	1.49.3	2.21		31.2
Hongkong Beauty, T. L. Wong	37.3	1.11.3	1.44	2.15.3		31
Saigon, F. Marshall	40	1.15	1.49.3	2.21		31.3
Chengtu, ?	41	1.17.2	1.50.2	2.23.2		33
Fleeting Bow, F. Marshall	40	1.17	1.50	2.22		32
Blazingfoot, Boy	39	1.16	1.51.2	2.24		32.3
Don Remeraz, Boy	42	1.22	2.00	2.36	3.08	32
White Night, A. A. White	37.2	1.13.2	1.47.2	2.20		32.3
Don Alfonso, C. G. Jack	38	1.15	1.47.3	2.19.3		32
The Eiderduck, Boy	37	1.13.2	1.47	2.20.2		33.2
Bell Hop, Boy	37	1.12.2	1.45			32.3
Joylight, J. Pote-Hunt	36	1.10	1.42.3	2.13.2		30.4
Larne, Boy	35	1.09.3	1.43			33.2
Fairylight, Boy	36	1.10	1.42.3	2.13.3		31
North Wood, Boy	39	1.14.3	1.47.3	2.19		31.2
Derry, Boy	35.3	1.10	1.43			33
Ashridge, A. F. Clark	39	1.14.3	1.47.3	2.19		31.2
Zeppelin, G. Renner	38	1.08.3	1.41.3	2.15.3		34
Hindhead, A. F. Clark	35.2	1.09	1.41.2	2.13.2		32
Moor Park, Boy	35.2	1.09	1.41.2	2.13.2		32
Stanmore, Boy	35.2	1.09	1.41.2	2.13.2		32
Playboy, V. L. Xavier	35.2	1.09.2	1.43	2.16.2		33.2
Sheba, Boy	35	1.09	1.42	2.17.2		35.2
The Blackpoil, Boy	40	1.17	1.52	2.24.2		32.2
Bulletin, R. D. Parkin	35	1.10	1.43	2.17		34
Prince John, E. J. Bell	36.2	1.10	1.42.2	2.17		33.3
The Redcap, I. H. Howell	38	1.14	1.49.2	2.23		33.3
Cord, H. Huang	38	1.14	1.49.2	2.21		31.3
Vim, R. D. Parkin	34	1.13	1.46	2.18		32
Lucky Tommy, Boy	37.3	1.13.3	1.46	2.21		35
Mr. Bubbins, Boy	35	1.08	1.41	2.16		35
Cricket, Boy	34	1.06	1.38			32
Tar Heel, G. P. Gram	40	1.20	2.00	2.32	3.03.2	31.2
Columbus, G. P. Gram	38	1.13	1.46	2.17.3	2.48.3	31
Crimsonray, Boy	39	1.15	1.51	2.23		32
Purleray, F. Noodt	38	1.19	1.54.2	2.28		33.3
Primroseray, F. Noodt	39	1.15	1.51	2.23		32
Coffee Cup, Boy	40	1.17	1.52	2.25		33
Scarlet Pimpernal, Mrs. Liddell	36	1.10	1.44.2	2.18		33.3
Speen, E. B. Cumine	34	1.07	1.42	2.18		36
Big Dick, Boy	41	1.19.2	1.55	2.27		33
Brown Bomber, G. P. Gram	41	1.19.2	1.55	2.27		32
Cherryray, A. Noodt	38	1.18	1.54	2.27.3		33.3
Prince Charles, Boy	36.2	1.10	1.42.2	2.17.2		35
Bingo, A. Noodt	39	1.15	1.50.2	2.23		32.3
Bombardier, Boy	38	1.16	1.49	2.23		34
Lucky Sonny, Boy	37.3	1.13.3	1.47.1	2.19.3		32.2
Charming Pal, ?	37.2	1.13	1.46	2.20		34
(Subscription Griffins of 1939)						
El Draco, R. Morgan	38	1.17	1.54.3	2.31	3.04.3	33.3
Regoletto, Boy	38	1.14	1.47	2.20.2		33.2
Elfen-Fels, E. B. Cumine	41	1.19	1.56	2.30	3.03	33
Second Thoughts, C. G. Jack	38	1.15	1.50	2.24	2.57	33
Quick Change, A. C. Kew	41	1.23	2.07	2.40	3.12	32
Spicylight, Boy	40	1.17	1.52	2.25		33
Spring Tide, G. Renner	36	1.12	1.47	2.18.3		31.3
King's Coronation, Boy	37.3	1.13	1.47	2.21		34
Sugar Star, H. Huang	37.2	1.11.2	1.44.2	2.16.2		32
Andy, I. H. Howell	37	1.13.2	1.47.2	2.20		32.3
Tiddly Winks, H. M. R. Hodgman	37	1.13	1.47	2.20		33
Alberto, Boy	38	1.14	1.47	2.18.3		31.3
Army Patrol, Boy	38	1.14	1.48	2.20.3		32.3
Lucy Polly, Boy	36	1.10	1.43			33
Lezginka, Boy	42	1.24	1.58	2.30		32
Roanoke, A. V. Striker	34	1.07	1.41			34
Jalousie, ?	37.2	1.12	1.46.3	2.21		34.2
Joyfully, Boy	40	1.16	1.50	2.22		32
Newbury, S. Y. Sung	40	1.17	1.51	2.23.2		32.2
Florin, Boy	38	1.13.2	1.46.2	2.18.2		32
Special Delivery, Mrs. Liddell	37	1.12	1.45			33

Grand Rally For Easter Monday

Many Local Packs Will Compete in Contests at Kiaochow Park

A practice for the Grand Rally will be held at Kiaochow Park on Holy Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. Pack positions for the Inspection will be allocated. Jungle Dances and Grand Howl will be practised and photographs taken. Cubbers are to arrange their own transportation.

The 5th (Jewish) Pack will be tested in Signalling, Kim's Game, Firelighting, and Knotting on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Gonzaga College grounds, 734 Kiaochow Road. All Cubbers and Cubs are invited to witness the 5th being tested and if they so wish may compete in the various events as a practice, giving at least two days notice to the A/C. (Cubs).

The April "Totem," containing the full programme and order of events for the Rally, will probably be issued at the Practice Rally.

On Easter Monday Packs will fall in outside the Park entrance not later than 2.10 p.m. The opening Grand Howl will commence at 2.30 sharp, followed by Flag raising and Inspection by the Consul-General.

Totems and Flags will be carried at the Easter Monday Rally only.

In the event of inclement weather or closure of the grounds, the Rally will be held at the S.V.C. Drill Hall. XQHB (Mrs. Robertson's) will broadcast definite plans at exactly 12 noon on Easter Monday if the venue has to be altered. One may keep in touch with the A/C. (Cubs), Telephone No. 34072, for information.

The 7th Rovers will take charge of the Flag raising.

The Judges will be Messrs. H. A. Crickmer, E. R. Croft, W. Helm and R. M. Allatt.

The following Packs will compete in the Rally: Cathedral School Pack (two teams), P. T. H. School Pack, Independent Pack, Telephone Co. Pack, Jewish Pack, Catholic Pack, Patons and Baldwins Pack, Western District Public School Pack, French Pack, American Pack, Union Church Pack.

Admission to the Rally is free, although all except Scouts and Cubs in uniform will be expected to pay the usual Park entrance fee.

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7-1	Lore-fels
5-1	Quick Change
15-1	Roslin
6-1	Second Thoughts
3-2	Special Delivery
8-1	Spring Tide
3-1	Sugar Star

THE I.R.C. DERBY
April 10, 1939 — 1½ Mile

6-1	Anything Goes	155
6-1	Ashridge	152
20-1	Bulletin	155
15-1	Citylight	155
5-2	Columbus	158
10-1	Danbury	152
8-1	Fairylight	158
6-1	Fleeting Bow	158
4-1	Hindhead	155
5-1	H'kong Beauty	155
5-2	Joylight	155
8-1	Lucky Sonny	155
10-1	Merry Kingman	155
10-1	Merry Lido	155
4-1	Neville	155
20-1	Primroseray	155
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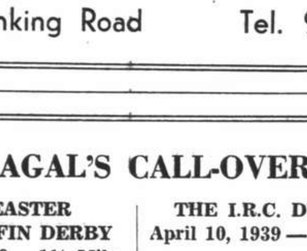
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U.S. Will Avoid Part in European Peace Pact

Economic Action Against Germany Expected; Neutrality Law Revision Now Becomes Issue

Washington, Apr. 5.

THE United States will not participate—if invited—in Anglo-French consultations regarding the formation of a strong anti-aggression pact in Europe, authoritative sources said today. The United States Government is contemplating the possibility of returning its Ambassador to Berlin which would be parallel to present British and French plans. The Ambassadors would return to Berlin to keep their Government's better informed on German developments.

Government quarters here emphasized that the position of Germany remained unchanged and that there had been no developments tending to ease strained relations between the United States and Germany. On the contrary, it was added, the situation has become worse because of Germany's seizure of Moravia, Bohemia and Memel. Meanwhile, the Government sought to tighten economic pressure against Germany in the hope that, with similar action by the European Democracies, Germany may return to peaceful ways or disintegrate economically.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, indicated the United States was exploring the possibility of negotiating reciprocal trade agreements with other countries in the Near East similar to the agreement reached last week with Turkey. Conclusion of the trade agreement with Turkey was regarded here as the virtual completion of United States economic encirclement of Germany.—United Press.

Neutrality Law Inquiry

Washington, Apr. 4.

The House of Representatives decided today that it will proceed to a public investigation of the problem of the United States' neutrality, as from April 11, after the Easter holidays. Fourteen projects on the subject of neutrality and revision of the Neutrality Act are already tabled in the House. Democrat leaders will strive to speed up the House inquiry.

Meanwhile, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold its first meeting to study revision of the Neutrality Act tomorrow. Its debates will be public and the Committee intends to hear the arguments of many personalities, chiefly representatives of pacifist organizations and other groups interested in the country's foreign policy.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's declaration, supporting President Roosevelt's fundamental statement favouring a union of all nations threatened by Nazi imperialism, will serve to change the viewpoints of several members of the Committee, it was stated. They may now favour the Administration's attitude towards revision of the Neutrality Act since Britain and France are showing a stronger stand than ever before against German expansion, observers note.

U.S. Difficulties in War

The Committee will decide that debates on the Act's revision should be brief and that Congress should hasten to reach its decision, it was stated. Commentators pointed out that the "Cash and Carry" clause of the Act expires on May 1 and, moreover, there are fears that an eventual war in Europe would place the United States in an extremely delicate position. Once hostilities broke out, it would be difficult for the United States to modify the Act without its action being considered hostile by one or the other of the parties.

Members of the Senate Committee are divided into groups. One of these groups favours clear and absolute distinction between aggressors and victims, either through total repudiation of the Neutrality Act or else its amendment in such a manner as to permit the U.S. to take up immediately its position in the new democratic system of collective security.

The White House and the Department of State are known to favour this attitude, but they will not openly intervene in its behalf during the debates.

Isolationist and Pacifist

Another group is isolationist and pacifist. Members of this body advocate the maintenance or even reinforcement of the Act. They argue that the United States should not mix in European internal affairs. They assert that a Continental war would not threaten American security.

Yet a third group stands in between these two extreme points of view. It believes that European conflict would threaten the whole world with disaster. At the same time, it voices preference for a course of action whereby the United States would avoid assuming precise engagements at the present time.

This group advocates only the enlargement of the Neutrality Act on the lines proposed by Senator Key Pittman, President of the Committee. Senator Pittman's resolution, tabled some time ago, proposed as its main point the extension of the present "Cash and Carry" clause to all war and raw materials.

When the Committee opens its inquiry tomorrow, the first man to present himself before it will be Colonel Henry L. Stimson, U.S. Secretary of State at the time of the Manchoukuo Incident, who favours a union of the Democracies in order to avoid war and German hegemony in the world.—Havas.

Cathedral Girls Give Display

Large Number of Parents Witness Good Drill Show On School Grounds

The Cathedral Girls School gave their drill display and had their inter-house competitions yesterday afternoon. This is now looked forward to as an annual affair, the fact that it is very much looked forward to being proved by the presence of a long stream of motor cars outside the school by 1.35, and hardly a seat to be had in the hall, although the display was not timed to begin until 2.10.

Soon after 2 o'clock the distinguished visitors filed into the reserved seats, among whom were Bishop Curtis, the Dean and Mrs. Trivett, Mr. C. S. King, Mr. W. P. Massey, the Rev. P. C. Matthews, and Miss D. Hodgson.

On the stroke of 2.10 the display opened with the Junior and Senior vaulting, all the exercises being carried out with accuracy and precision. Then followed the Junior Drill, a large class of children of seven and eight years old who did their bit to perfection. They were keen and interested throughout the twenty minutes they were in evidence, and it was quite obvious that the audience contained a good many Oliver Twists who wanted more and yet more. There were a good many chuckles of sympathy when the youngsters did a toe touching exercise and chanted, "I think I can, I think I can, I can."

Complicated Relay Races

The Senior work was competitive, and as well as showing the results of the excellent grounding the girls must have had, was most entertaining and exciting. The relay races were very original, and to the lay mind definitely complicated, but it was obvious that the girls thoroughly enjoyed them, and they certainly made no bones about the difficult task of "Skinning the Snake."

There was a definite murmur of disappointment when the national anthem announced the end, and parents and friends dispersed full of praise and enthusiasm for Miss O. E. Symons who traines the girls in their games and physical exercises, and whose fertile brain had plahned such an extraordinarily interesting and entertaining way of showing them how expert their daughters have the chance of becoming at gym and games.

Yugoslav-Croat Talks Make Progress

Minority Leader Says He Has Hopes of Accord

Zagreb, Apr. 5.

Conversations between the Yugoslav Government, represented by the Premier, M. Draguicha Tsvetkovich, and the Croat minority, represented by M. Vladimir Machek, opened most favourably and will be resumed following the Easter holidays, M. Machek, leader of the Croat Opposition, told a Havas correspondent today.

"I don't know how they will finish but they started well and we have hopes," M. Machek added. "In any event, the Croats are demanding freedom and equality, and on this point we will not yield."

M. Machek expressed confidence in the just spirit of the Regency, which will have its word to say following the conclusion of the negotiations.

"M. Tsvetkovich understood that the results do not depend solely upon him and that neither he nor I can dispense with the collaboration of the real representatives of the Serbian people, that is all the real representatives, including the Serbian opposition parties which proved in the last elections that they can also speak on behalf of the Serbian people," M. Machek continued. "The Serbian opposition was not absent from our conversations yesterday or today. I spoke on their behalf also."

It may be recalled that the Croats are demanding new elections on a democratic basis, that is with a secret ballot, before discussing the fundamental problem with the Government. The present talks aim at clearing up the procedure to be adopted.—Havas.

Japan Gets 254 Fishing Lots at Second Auction

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

Japanese interests acquired 254 fishing lots at a total price of 3,350,000 roubles at a second auction held in Vladivostok yesterday, according to a cable received by the Fishing Guild here today.

At the request of government officials the Privy Council was scheduled to hold a committee meeting tomorrow morning to ratify a provisional fishery agreement signed in Moscow last Sunday night. The committee's decision will be submitted to a plenary session of the Privy Council on April 8 and Imperial sanction will be sought soon afterward.

Japanese concerns have obtained a total of 359 fishing lots for the present season, 264 of which are to be fixed for five years. The total number of lots is 27 less than that held by Japanese interests last year.—Domei.

Japanese Pushing South of Wuning

Chinese Positions Under New Attack; Advances in Kwangtung Area Made

Wuning, Apr. 5.

Pushing south from Changlunshang, opposite Wuning on the Siu River, which was captured almost simultaneously with the occupation of Wuning, three Japanese detachments this morning reached a line connecting Changfang and Panshantsueh, 15 kilometres south-west of here.

The Japanese started an attack on Chinese positions south of the Siu River early yesterday morning.—Domei.

Japanese in Kwangtung

Canton, Apr. 5.

Japanese forces today were consolidating their positions in a sector south of Tsungfa, north of Canton on the Liukui River, where mopping-up operations were started at 7 o'clock yesterday evening.

Chinese guerillas retreated following an engagement in which they lost a large number of men. More than 10 prisoners were taken by the Japanese. Guerillas and isolated troop remnants which had been inactive for some time resumed their operations in the past few days owing to a shortage of food supplies aggravated by the advent of the rainy season.—Domei.

Sunwui Captured

Chungking, Apr. 5.

Sunwui fell into Japanese hands on the afternoon of April 3, according to Chinese dispatches from Kwangtung. Despite the stubborn resistance of the local self-defence corps, the dispatches add, the situation took a turn for the worse, after which the Japanese vanguard entered the city on the same afternoon. Following street fighting, it is stated, the Chinese withdrew to the outskirts of the city.

Chinese reports also state that the Chinese evacuated Kongmoon once more on the evening of April 3 when the Japanese, receiving reinforcements, and supported by a severe aerial bombardment, launched an attack on the city.—Reuter.

Hunan's Fate Watched

New York, Apr. 5.

Considerable comment was devoted in the press here this morning to the importance of an eventual complete Japanese occupation of Hunan province and to the consequences that such an occupation would bring for China.

"Events in the near future may determine not only what power the Chinese have to divert the Japanese drive, but what the prospects of penetrating and controlling the western provinces are," the "New York Herald-Tribune" stated. "Every Japanese movement in China is now planned with an eye toward the revenue which would compensate the home Government for some of the cost of the army's maintenance. The conquest of Hunan is, therefore, as important for the Japanese as it would be discouraging for China. It is now claimed in Japan that this adventure in China is no longer a race against bankruptcy because the day is in sight when the commercial exploitation of the conquest will pay the cost indefinitely.

"Anyone who knows the Chinese capacity for withstanding passively the conqueror's lash must have some evidence that the conquest can be stopped and put into reverse somewhere. So there will be millions of anxious Chinese eyes fixed on this high-powered Japanese drive in Hunan, watching to see what General Chiang in the West and the guerillas everywhere else can combine to do about it after a long winter's preparation. It is worth watching because, though the upshot of the Hunan drive may not be decisive, it is certainly going to be important."—Havas.

Lithuania to "Keep Aloof"

Kaunas, Apr. 5.

Lithuania will "keep aloof from all collisions between great Powers," according to a Government declaration read in Parliament today.

The main points of the declaration were:

1. New problems following the cession of Memel to Germany could be settled by united action.
2. Lithuanian forces were prepared to defend their country if necessary.
3. The Government would seek good relations with all countries and establish neutrality.—Reuter.

French Cruiser Sent To Alexandretta

Paris, Apr. 5.

France, it is reported, has decided to send the cruiser Sandjak to Alexandretta to reinforce her garrison there. The garrison at present numbers 1,500 men. This action is described as a precautionary measure.—Reuter.

German National Debt Over 28,000,000,000

Berlin, Apr. 4.

The total debt of the Reich at the end of January amounted to over 28,000,000,000 marks, official statistics published here reveal. Thus, within one year, the public debt has increased by about Rm. 10,000,000,000 marks, the biggest jump in one year since the Nazis came into power.

The amount owed to creditors in Germany is given as Rm. 23,500,000,000 while the balance is composed of foreign debts, including the Young and Dawes Loans and accumulated funds, deposited with the Reichsbank, of amounts which have fallen due but hitherto could not be transferred for lack of foreign currencies.—Reuter.

British Mission to Rumania Announced

London, Apr. 4.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, announced today that the British commercial mission to Rumania would leave for Bucharest in about fifteen days. The mission will be headed by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Economic Adviser to His Majesty's Government.—Havas.

"Chicken Skinner" Gets His Deserts

Man Who Stole Children's Clothes Goes to Jail

Hsieh Hung-ching, a 19-year old boy, received a sentence of four years' penal servitude in the First Special District Court yesterday charged with fraud in which he lured numerous children to amusement resorts and other places, took off their outer garments or other clothes on some pretext, and pawned them to his own advantage.

Fifteen boys appeared in court yesterday to testify against Hsieh, who evidently is a member of the "chicken skinning" party specializing in stealing children's clothing. In addition to these 15 cases, the sentenced lad was alleged to have repeated the offence many times before, but he was not charged on those counts because the victims were hard to find.

Hsieh was caught by the police on March 16 while he was taking some children's clothes to a pawn shop. Since then, the police have been trying to arrest his accomplices and to locate victims. It meant hard work on the part of Detective Sub-Inspector Ovsiannikoff and his assistants, but the 15 victimized children were eventually located.

The favourite trick of the sentenced man was to lure children to amusement resorts and to ask or sometimes force them to take off their garments. He gave many pretexts but the favourite one was that the weather was too warm for children to wear heavy clothes. His victims were often badly scared and he easily escaped. Many stolen clothes have been taken from pawnshops by the police.

Franco-Soviet Parleys Taking Place

Russian Co-operation Said Practically Assured

Paris, Apr. 5.

It is authoritatively understood that conversations between France and Soviet Russia are being actively pursued through diplomatic channels with a view to preparing Moscow's co-operation in the international defence system now being formed.

The British Government are at present busy concluding arrangements with Poland and Rumania, and they will then discuss Soviet Russia's co-operation.

A communique released in Moscow denies that Soviet Russia has already promised to supply Poland with war material in an eventual war, but French quarters are convinced that Soviet co-operation has been practically secured and that Moscow's reserved stand is being taken merely to emphasize the importance of their co-operation.

This morning, M. Georges Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, held a series of talks with the Soviet Ambassador, M. Jacob Souritz, on this matter.—Havas.

King Ghazi Laid to Rest

Baghdad, April 5.

King Ghazi I of Iraq, who was killed in a motor-car accident on April 4, was laid to rest in the Royal Mausoleum, beside his father King Feisul, this morning.

The Parliament will be convened to decide the question of the Regency, to which Emir Abdullah, uncle of the 3-year-old son of the late monarch, who had been proclaimed King Neisul II, has been provisionally appointed.—Reuter.

Bankhead Cotton Bill For House Action

Administration Fails to Push Subsidy Plan

Washington, Apr. 4.

The House Agricultural Committee late this week expects to take up the Bankhead Cotton Bill but there is some doubt, however, whether the measure will be reported favourably.

The Bill was passed yesterday by the Senate after the adoption of an amendment raising the price to be paid by farmers for repossession of loan cotton from three to five cents per pound. The Bill's sponsors are disappointed over this action which is now regarded by many as a mere gesture, offering little inducement to curtail acreage to farmers who have already begun cultivation.

While there has been no move lately by the Administration to push its export subsidy plan, presumably to await a clearer show of the congressional strength behind the Bankhead Bill, there are many who hold no doubt that the export subsidy proposal will ultimately win over the Bankhead Bill.—Reuter.

U.S. Recognition of Burgos Regime

Tourist Restrictions Removed by Washington

Washington, Apr. 4.

The Spanish Nationalist Chargé d'Affaires, Sr. Juan Cardenas, called on Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, here today to inaugurate diplomatic relations between the United States and Nationalist Spain. Sr. Cardenas said that "the birth of a new Spain begins an era of peace and reconstruction."—United Press.

Tourist Ban Removed

Washington, Apr. 5.

The State Department has removed the restrictions placed upon tourist traffic to Spain, following the recognition of Nationalist Spain by the United States Government.—Havas.

New York Consulate Taken

New York, Apr. 5.

The Spanish Consulate here was taken over today by Senor Jose de Gregorio, the Spanish Nationalist representative. The Consulate was handed over by the Cuban Consul-General, Senor Pablo Suarez y Roig, who has been taking charge of the affairs of the Spanish Consulate since the departure of the Republican representatives.—Havas.

Aircraft Carrier Launched At Barrow

London, Apr. 5.

Tht aircraft carrier Illustrious, the first of four similar vessels to be laid down in 1937, was launched at Barrow today. The ship is 740 feet in length with a beam of 96½ feet.—Reuter.

Fresh Slovak-Hungarian Incident Reported

Bratislava, Apr. 5.

A fresh border incident has broken out in Kolonica. The Hungarians are alleged to have attacked a Slovak guardpost. It is stated that the Hungarians retreated, losing a machine gun.—Reuter.

Railway to Iron Mines Now Reopened

Japanese Repair Line to Tayeh Area

Shihhweiyao, Apr. 5.

The Shihhweiyao-Tayeh Railway, a 28-kilometre line linking this river port with the iron mines at Tayeh, was reopened by the Japanese army in a ceremony on April 3, it was announced here today. Resumption of service coincided with the observance of the anniversary of the death of Emperor Jimmu, founder of the Japanese Imperial dynasty.

Speedy repair work on the damaged railway was completed by the Sato engineering unit of the Japanese army. The railroad linking this city with the famous iron mining centre in the Yangtze valley has branch lines extending 2.7 kilometres.

A first train of five cars left here at 9.05 o'clock in the morning and reached the Hsiangpishan, or Elephant Trunk Mountain station, at 10.24 o'clock.

The right-of-way was thronged with cheering crowds of Chinese and Japanese waving Rising Sun and five-barred flags.—Domei.

Concession Burglary Nets Robbers $600

Six burglars, two of them armed, entered House No. 7, Lane 33, Rue des Peres, and stole $200 in cash as well as jewellery and clothing valued at $400. The thieves had gained admittance to the building, which houses the premises of a merchant of musical instruments, by forcing the lock on the main door. They left the premises without meeting any resistance and detectives in charge of the case, had made no arrests at a late hour last night.

Dr. Goebbels in Heliopolis

Cairo, Apr. 5.

Dr. Joseph Goebbels, German Propaganda Minister, landed at Heliopolis today from Rhodes. Dr. Goebbels will remain in Egypt for 24 hours.—Havas.

Pope Appoints Special Civil Commission

Vatican City, Apr. 4.

Pope Pius XII today appointed a special commission comprising three Cardinals and one Monsignor to administer the civil affairs of the Vatican State.—United Press.

Fox Caught with Hands

Monson, Mass., Apr. 4.

Tony Verlotta has won the name Tarzan as a result of a fox hunt. The hounds uncovered a fox so close at bay that Verlotta wouldn't risk a shot—so he dropped his gun, tackled the fox and killed it with his bare hands.—United Press.

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Police Probe Death of Chinese Constable

Russian Officer to Be Questioned Further

Chinese Police Constable 726 of the Concession Police was killed yesterday at 11 a.m. by a bullet from the gun of Constable Koulieff of the Russian Auxiliary Detachment of the French Police.

The incident took place in the police barracks where, according to Constable Koulieff, the shot was accidentally fired while Koulieff was cleaning his gun. Police are investigating the matter, however, as there is evidence that previous to the shooting an altercation had taken place between the Russian and the Chinese constable.

According to those who arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting, a gun was found in the hand of the dead man and his finger was against the trigger of the weapon. The French Police are making further investigations.

SIR Stafford Cripps, who has been expelled from the Labour Party, possesses one of the finest controversial brains in England. A younger son of Lord Parmoor, who, in the great education fights of a generation ago, was the most valiant of the lay defenders of the voluntary schools, Sir Stafford is also a nephew of Mrs. Sidney Webb (Lady Passfield). For many years there has been no more acceptable speaker at Labour Party conferences, for people who did not agree with him there certainly admired his debating ability.

Birth of Heir to Albanian Throne

Tirana, Apr. 5.

The birth of a son and heir to King Zog I of Albania was proclaimed this morning by a salvo of 101 guns. The streets of the capital were filled with crowds frantically cheering King Zog and Queen Geraldine.—Reuter.

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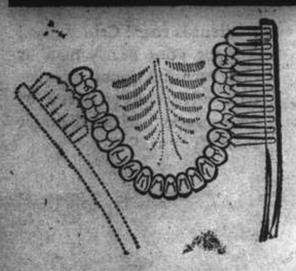

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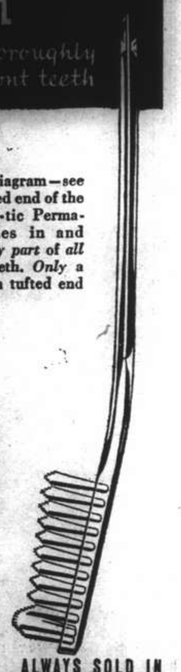

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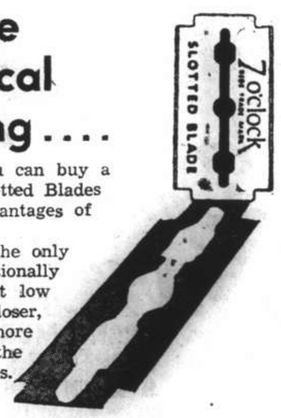

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DEATHS

BARNHART.—On April 2, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, Charles Barnhart, aged 60 years, of Ancient Landmark Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Mass. Const., United States Navy retired and member of the American Legion, General Frederick Townsend Ward Post, No. 1. Removed to the parlours of International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Masonic funeral services by Ancient Landmark Lodge, A. F. and A. M., will be held today, Thursday, April 6, at the Bubbling Well Cemetery, at 5 p.m. 11967

EPSTEIN.—On Wednesday, April 5, 1939, at his residence, Michail Gregorievich Epstein, aged 62 years. Funeral services will take place today, Thursday, April 6, at the Shanghai Jewish Cemetery, 724 Baikal Road, at 12.30 p.m.

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ITALY AND ALBANIA

While there have been rumours, and denials which have brought about an atmosphere of mystery regarding what is happening between Italy and Albania, it may be of interest to review the relationships between the two countries, and their recent developments. Italy is brought into opposition with the Little Entente mainly from a desire to maintain complete control of the Adriatic Sea, and her consequent hostility to the Yugo-Slav development on the Dalmatian coast. By the treaty of 1919 Italy gained the Austrian port of Trieste. Later she seized Fiume. The Treaty of Rapallo gave her the port of Zara and the island of Lagosta. She also exercised what amounts to a virtual protectorate over Albania, made an independent state after the Balkan war of 1913, largely in order to keep Yugo-Slavia, then Serbia, from the Adriatic coastline, which she has since attained. The harbour of Valona, immediately opposite the heel of the Italian "boot," is obviously of first class strategic importance to Italy. A society for the economic development of Albania is controlled by Italian banks, and military roads have been built through the country right up to the boundaries of Yugo-Slavia. Generally speaking it may be said that the position of Albania in relation to Italy and the Adriatic Sea may with some justice be compared with that of Cuba with relation to the United States and the Caribbean. When the Balkan Pact was signed by Greece, Rumania, Turkey and Yugo-Slavia, Bulgaria and Albania stood out, so that complete Balkan unity was not attained. In 1937 as a result of a visit by Count Ciano to Albania certain agreements were entered into, which it is now claimed amounted to the defensive alliance which the "Gazetta del Mezzo Giormo" states is the subject of conversations for the purpose of further reinforcement. The general attitude of Albania towards this alliance is best shown by the declaration made by M. Libohova, the Albanian Foreign Minister, on the occasion of Count Ciano's visit, when he referred to "unshakable fidelity" to the alliance binding the two countries.

Whatever may prove to be Italian intentions as to the future there can be very little doubt that Rome regards the relations between the two nations as of extreme importance. That this is so is clearly shown by the map. Valona in the hands of a friendly state gives Italy practical control of the only entrance to the Adriatic; in the hands of an unfriendly nation that control, would not be so complete, but under present conditions the very narrow strip of water leading to the Adriatic is firmly held in Italian interests, and could in all probability never be forced by any navy seeking to attempt to convey help to Yugo-Slavia. At the same time Albania representing an enclave between Yugo-Slavia and Greece, both parties to the Little Entente, would provide a convenient jumping-off spot for the purpose of bringing military pressure to bear on both countries, and with Austria on the northern boundary Yugo-Slavia can be placed under Germano-Italian pressure which might prove to be very formidable. If Italy does in fact decide to land troops in Albania it can be only for such a purpose, and to offset whatever overtures are being made to secure adhesion of the Balkan states to the mutual defence agreement which Great Britain is seeking to negotiate. It has been suggested that the recent occupation of the Czech provinces has caused a wave of Pan-Slav feeling which has turned the minds of many Yugo-Slavs towards the British anti-aggression plan. That may very well be the case, but if Yugo-Slavia does in the event refrain from joining it, it will without a doubt be due to the fact that as matters stand at present she could be subjected to a dual pressure which she might find it not a little difficult to resist even with the outside assistance which such a plan would provide.

If then these latest developments between Italy, and Albania mean anything at all, they probably represent the first reply of the Rome-Berlin axis to the anti-aggression plan which has been proposed by Mr. Chamberlain. There is no question of anything being forced upon the Albanian government for they have been bound to Italian interests for a considerable time past, and may be regarded as the spearhead of Italian influence in the Balkan peninsula. The strength of the Italian position is to be found in the friendly relations which King Zogu has always maintained with Rome, and for that reason the contention that whatever negotiations are proceeding between the two governments are at his explicit request is probably perfectly true. How far in the event of Albania being used to bring pressure to bear upon Yugo-Slavia, and Greece those countries would be forced to abandon their present position or any they may be contemplating in the future is something which cannot be foreseen. Fidelity to the Little Entente would suggest that mutual assistance amongst the countries party to it would present Italy with a problem not quite so easy of solving as it would be in the absence of a common understanding. The four nations signatory to that Little Entente could offer very considerable resistance to any attempt by the Dictators to bring them under control, and more particularly so in the event of that general conflagration which is to be foreseen should dictatorial aggression be manifested. At the same time the diffusion of effort which would be inevitable on the part of the Axis Powers would in itself tend to some degree of weakness, probably not great at the outset of trouble, but something which could be expected to increase as hostilities continued. In the circumstances, therefore, this Italian move need not necessarily mean the collapse of Mr. Chamberlain's scheme so far as the Balkans are concerned. It may defer success for a time, but the interests of the Balkan States are such that they must look somewhere for assistance, which is not to be afforded at the cost of their independence.

Troops By Aeroplane

In view of the joint defence needs of Britain and France in counter-balancing the European situation, much significance is attached to the visit to London of M. Guy La Chambre, the French Air Minister, who has been holding discussions with Sir Kingsley Wood, the British Secretary of State for Air, and R.A.F. leaders. There has been a frank exchange of information over a wide field regarding production efforts and the coordination of future arrangements, and the air defence situation as regards both countries has been thoroughly investigated for the impression is now firmly embedded that in the event of a European conflict involving France, to whom Britain is now firmly committed, British air assistance in the initial stage will probably exceed the military effort. During the September crisis of last year, it was persistently reported that while British military assistance was somewhat limited by the swift development of events and a lag in rearmament, the air assistance from an aerial point of view was more definite and R.A.F. squadrons were standing by available for duty in France if the necessity arose. An extension of this form of assistance consequently follows the emphasis on air rearmament which received an impetus from those apprehensive days. An interesting point in the discussions, although receiving no official confirmation, is the possibility of transporting troops to the Continent by air. Aeroplane troop carriers are not a new idea but intensification of efforts in this direction have increased the potentialities of this form of transport. The landing of men as spies or sabotteurs was widely practised during the Great War and for some years Soviet Russia has concentrated on training special forces which may be dropped from aeroplanes by parachutes, complete with equipment, to constitute units of useful size in land operations. As many as 1,000 men at a time have been dropped and although the capacity and number of the aeroplanes limits the size of the landing force yet in these days of larger machines and mass production the prospect of dropping a large army ready for action at strategic points is no longer a fantastic dream. Germany followed suit with picked men and as many as a battalion at a time have been dropped with apparently encouraging results. British efforts have been conducted along a different line. Dropping of food and supplies has been practised in tribal warfare along the North-west Frontier but troop carrying has been confined to the development of a special type of machine which has been used with considerable success. This, of course, means the provision of aerodromes for landing purposes but in affording of military assistance to France this represents no obstacle because it merely means using aeroplanes instead of train, steamer or other form of transport with the advantage of far more rapid transit than is possible under the latter conditions. It has been said that the next war will either be declared so suddenly or not at all—undeclared wars now being the fashion—that time exigencies demanding immediate action will find an efficient ally in aeroplane troop carriers.

An Anniversary

Twenty-two years ago the United States entered into the Great War and within about eighteen months took such forces to Europe as to give the Allies the final victory. At the time hostilities broke out there were indeed very few in the United States who dreamt for one moment that they would ever become involved. American isolationism was the every day political gospel of the average man in that country. But in the course of approximately three years events brought about so great a change of opinion that eventually the United States Government found very considerable support for their decision to intervene. Once the war was finished there was a return to the old doctrine of keeping out of European affairs, and the growth of the isolationist idea was encouraged by the many disappointments the United States received in the post-war years. That became so confirmed in the minds of the people, that there was a tendency to take no more than a passing interest in European matters. That is not the case now. The American public has been greatly impressed in an unfavourable sense by much of what has recently been happening in Europe. It cannot be said that at the moment the United States would contemplate intervention again in Europe with anything but the greatest aversion, but it is nevertheless a fact that the ordinary man has become more foreign politically minded, and that his sense of justice has been outraged by much that has occurred. One of the great characteristics of the American people is the fact that while for mere self-interest they cannot be easily aroused, response to matters involving principle is much readier. Thus Washington is on the side of the democracies in face of the threat with which they are menaced. Old ideas of American conduct in the event of another European war breaking out have been rapidly changing. There is every possibility that that rigid neutrality which would have denied victims of aggression in Europe that material assistance which would prove so valuable in the defence of a doctrine to which the United States has been devoted throughout the whole of its history, will be departed from. Already contracts for the supply of valuable and important material have been signed between the United States, Great Britain, and France. That has been made possible by the change of sentiment which has been brought about not so much by democratic propaganda, as by the actions of the dictator states themselves. It is to be hoped that no war necessitating the entry of the United States will ever again come about, but on such a day as this thoughts must naturally turn to those men who crossed the Atlanic to die, not in defence of their country, but in defence of those ideals for which their country stood.

Militant Fascism

Following stories of Nazi activities in the Argentine, comes the report that General Lazaro Cardenas, President of Mexico, has ordered the expulsion of three Falange (Fascist) leaders. The President is reported to have informed Spanish Fascists, who are active in Mexico, that they will not be allowed to organize a movement for the purpose of allying Latin America, in a political and military sense with General Franco. During the whole of the Spanish civil war Mexicans followed the reports of the fighting with the keenest interest, for Mexican Communists and their opponents still regard Spain as their spiritual home. With the Mexican workers practically in control of the country Fascism is not likely to make much headway, and it is quite probable that the authorities will be able to deal easily with any body of men seeking to overthrow the existing form of government, which though syndicalist, has about it all the characteristics of a modified communism. There can be very little doubt from the reports which come from the western hemisphere that the Nazi and Fascist creeds have about them just the same quality of militancy which is to be noticed amongst the Communists, and that far from being content with the perpetuation of their doctrines in their own countries, are striving to bring the whole world under their influence. In some countries those efforts have met with little or no success, as witness the Blackshirt movement under Sir Oswal Mosley, which starting off with a flourish of trumpets is now very diminuendo. In other countries, where the Latin races predominate, the diffusion of Fascist doctrines may prove easier, though with President Cardenas in power Mexico may prove a very stubborn opponent of the spread of the creed within its own borders.

IN PARENTHESIS

Struck Wrong Note

A messenger-boy at Weymouth picked up over 100 fragments of £1 notes lying in a side street, and handed them over to the police. They fitted ten of the notes.—quite genuine ones—together.

Now the police want to find the man who tore the notes up. They'd like to remind him of several deserving charities.

Perhaps he had heard of them—but couldn't do a thing because he was in a tearing hurry.

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Note for "Y. O."

The sentimental person who, over the initials "Y.O.," sent £10 conscience money to the Board of Inland Revenue, need not think that the Board's formal acknowledgment betrays a cold and callous heart.

"Y.O." was deciphered at once as "Your Ownest," and a warm, affectionate note on pink, gilt-edged scented paper is waiting for "Your Ownest" whenever she cares to claim it.

It begins "Preciousest Pet" and continues—"what a sweet lamb you were to send the £10. We can make good use of it—O boy, O boy, O boy! Lots of love and millions of kisses."

Yes, the smiles of Hore-Belisha and Kingsley Wood are but pale indications of the Government's great human heart.

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Heard in Court

Man: The reason I am in arrears in these electric light payments is because I've been using the gas money to pay the rates.

Solicitor: I should have thought that being a man you would not have been interested in scandal.

Witness: Men are only human, just the same as women.

Woman: Each time I asked him where he worked he said he was on the "dole," and each time I asked him how much he drew he said he was forbidden to tell me under the Official Secrets Act.

Solicitor: I dare say that if you asked your wife point blank if she liked you, she would say, "Yes."

Man: Of course she would. That's the question I used to ask her before I gave her her wages.

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"Katies"

More official papers, which contain Secrets of the Highest Importance, are missing, says an English columnist. They are of the kind known as "Katies," and they disapppeared when a certain Minister's hat was deliberately blown from his head in Whitehall.

You will remember, of course, that "Katies," which are Most Frightfully Secret, are so called because they are stamped with the letters K.T.U.Y.H. (Keep This Under Your Hat).

This Minister, a likable fellow of a literal turn of mind, always kept his Katies under his hat until he had fully studied them: and it is thought that his habit became known outside his staff.

The fact remains that seven swarthy, sinister-looking men lay in wait for him. As he approached, they all inhaled deeply; and as he passed (humming a tune) they put their heads together and blew hard at his hat.

Away went the hat, and, the next second, the Katies and the villains as well.

Highly-paid counter-espionage experts of the Secret Service who are on the trail, have recommended meanwhile that the Minister should wear elastic under his chin.

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Seagull's Night Life

I've always been a bit of a bird-watcher—specially at Blackpool in t'summer—and watching the gulls swooping around the ship has made me think, writes George Formby in the "Sunday Express." Beryl says that's more than she's ever been able to make me do, but anyway, here's a little question I'd like to ask you:—

About our British bird life
There's nowt I can be told.
I know that grouse keep grumbling
And bas are ofen bowled.
I know that owls keep 'owling,
And corncrakes always crake.
But here's one fowl decision
You've got to help me make:
Where does a seagull spend the night?
Way out o'er the foam?
If it's a he-gull, that's all right
But who sees she-gulls home?
Eee, I'm vexed,
And perplexed,
Won't some one put me right—
Flying home to Goole or Hull
Really must be awfully dull,
And if she's not that kind of gull
Where does she spend the night?

Can't any one tell me:

Where does a seagull spend the night?
Where do seagulls rest?
Do they enjoy a brief respite
In some old crow's nest?
Wigan Pier
May not be near,
And Blackpool out of sight—
So it flies on in the dark,
Looking for somewhere to park—
But if a gull feels like a lark
Where does it spend the night?

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	39.0	Max.	52.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	52.0	Max.	77.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	36.1	Max.	54.7
Same date, 1938	Min.	43.9	Max.	77.7

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 4th:—Siberian anticyclone high and steady over China and Korea. Depression to the south of Japan, moving east-north-eastward. Fine and cold weather with fresh north-westerly to north-easterly winds to the north of the Saddles. Overcast with rain and strong north-easterly breezes in the south.

State on the morning of the 5th:—Cloudy and cool weather. East-south-easterly wind. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine, cloudy and cool weather with morning mist and variable winds around Shantung: north-easterly to south-easterly over our regions. Cloudy to overcast with local rain and fresh north-easterly to easterly winds over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

To The German Jewish Refugee Fund

In memory of Mr. David S. Vershovsky:—	
Meiji Seika Co.	$30.00
In memory of Little Shelma Rosenstein:—	
Mrs. S. Vershovsky	$5.00

Royal Armoured Corps Forming in Britain

Mechanized Cavalry Regiments, Tank Units Merged; Anglo-French Aircraft Production Co-ordinated; Air Transport of Army Hinted

London, Apr. 4.

ALL means for co-ordinating the possible action of Britain's new allies to withstand further aggression in Europe were being considered by the British Government, declared Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the Secretary for War, in the House of Commons today. Asked whether Viscount Gort, the Chief of the General Staff, would pay a visit to Warsaw or Moscow, Mr. Hore-Belisha replied that he had no statement to make on any further visits to foreign countries. Asked whether it was not desirable that conversations should take place with Britain's new allies as they came into line, Mr. Hore-Belisha replied:—"Yes, everything is under consideration."

Mr. Hore-Belisha then announced that it has been decided to associate eighteen mechanized cavalry regiments of the Regular Army, and regular and territorial units of the Royal Tanks Corps, in a new Corps, to be known as the Royal Armoured Corps. This Corps, he declared, would take precedence immediately before the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

The measure, he said, had been taken in view of the fact that all regiments of cavalry of the line were being re-equipped with armoured vehicles, with the exception of the Royal Dragoons, and the Royal Scots Greys. Cavalry regiments, Mr. Hore-Belisha stated, would retain their existing designations, and the Royal Tanks Corps would be re-designated the Royal Tank Regiment. All units would retain their badges and uniforms.

Mr. Hore-Belisha also informed the House that applications to join the British Army from foreign nationals would, in suitable cases, be considered, more particularly if the applicants had had previous military training, and could speak English.

Describing the considerations which had led to this major reform in the organization of the British Army, the War Secretary explained that it involved rather an association between than the amalgamation of mechanized regiments of the cavalry of the line with the Royal Tank Corps.

The King, he said, would become the Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Tank Regiment.—Reuter.

Anglo-French Co-operation

London, Apr. 4.

Plans for the immediate despatch of British troops by air to the Continent in the event of a war, were understood to have been discussed here today by Sir Kingsley Wood, the Secretary for Air, and M. Guy La Chambre, visiting French Air Minister. Arrangements for the exchange of information on the construction of modern fighting craft, were also discussed, it was stated.

This afternoon, M. La Chambre visited the Handley-Page aviation plants at Cricklewood and showed intense interest in the methods of standardized production used there.

The Air Office issued a communique announcing that the visiting statesman and Sir Kingsley Wood held conversations throughout the day.

"Their discussions ranged over a wide field with the view of facilitating productive efforts in regard to aeroplanes, air engines, accessories and equipment generally, both as regards immediate requirements and the planning and co-ordination of future arrangements," the communique stated.

"M. La Chambre also had interviews today with the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Ernest Brown, Labour Minister. He is to return to Paris tomorrow. During his brief stay in London, M. La Chambre has met Lord Chatfield, Mr. W. S. Morrison and Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha. Arrangements have been made to continue discussions between mechanical experts of the British and French Air Ministries," the communique concluded.—Havas.

Anglo-Polish Talks Make Progress

Poles Reluctant to Take Commitments Against Hungary

London, Apr. 4.

Anglo-Polish conversations which opened here following the arrival of Colonel Joseph Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, are making "satisfactory progress," according to an official statement. The talks lasted for most of today, and will be resumed tomorrow.

Col. Beck, accompanied by the Polish Ambassador, Count Edward Raczynski, had a conversation this morning with Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, and with officials of the Foreign Office.

Lord Halifax entertained Col. Beck at luncheon and the other guests included the Duke and Duchess of Kent, Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden. Afterwards, Col. Beck had a conversation lasting for nearly two hours with Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, and Lord Halifax at the House of Commons.

Official reticence is maintained regarding the nature of the discussions. "A safety curtain has been dropped, and it will not be lifted between acts," is was explained in authoritative quarters.—Reuter.

British Press Comments

London, Apr. 5.

Lengthy articles were devoted in the press here this morning to the present Anglo-Polish negotiations.

The "Daily Telegraph" says Colonel Beck is said to have indicated that Hungary is not yet compelled to join hands with Germany. The paper then stressed the important position which Soviet Russia is to play in the new system of collective security, and advocated a lengthy and comprehensive exchange of views between London an Moscow.

The "News-Chronicle" reported from Berlin that Herr Hitler spent a considerable length of time yesterday conferring with his collaborators.

The "Manchester Guardian" says Great Britain knows very well that Mr. Chamberlain's statement has not brought Herr Hitler back to reason and that one may expect a further initiative from him shortly.

Poland's guarantee to Britain, it was said in well-informed quarters, will be limited in its geographical scope since the Poles refuse to enter any war in the defence of the distant Suez Canal, for instance. Furthermore, Col. Beck was understood to be reluctent to pledge assistance to Rumania in the event of Hungarian aggression, in view of present friendly Polish-Hungarian relations. Britain and France will therefore possibly grant direct guarantees to Bucharest, although no definite decision was reached today, it was declared. The Rumanian problem will again be discussed tomorrow, together with the Jewish problem and the question of a British loan to Poland, informed quarters concluded.—Havas.

Signature Expected

London, Apr. 5.

Col. Joseph Beck, visiting Polish Foreign Minister, and Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, will probably sign a mutual assistance treaty on behalf of their respective governments tomorrow evening.

These quarters added that the principles of the agreement were fully reached yesterday evening between Colonel Beck and Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister.

It is understood that Mr. Chamberlain promised to help Poland to rearm to a point where she would be able to face any emergency.—Havas.

British Rearmament Proves Best News

Mr. Hudson Says Nations Rejoice at Big Progress

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 4.

Europe is "more interested in Great Britain's rearmament programme than in her trade," according to Mr. R. S. Hudson, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, who returned today from his European trade tour.

"Everyone, in every country I visited," Mr. Hudson declared, "wanted to know whether British rearmament was going ahead fast enough. They did not care about trade, or anything else.

"I told them that British rearmament had been making unexpected progress during the last two or three years, and everyone said 'That is the best news we have had yet.'"—Reuter.

Emergency Money to Be Issued by Chungking

New Measure to Counteract Undermining of Currency

Chungking, Apr. 5.

The Chinese Government is planning to issue "emergency money" in various parts of the country as a measure to counteract Japanese attempts to undermine China's currency, Dr. H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, announced today.

Directors of provincial banks, Dr. Kung revealed, have already received instructions regarding the circulation of the new money, which is to be issued in the form of banknotes of small denominations.—Trans-Ocean.

Sir Nevile Henderson Returning to Berlin

London, Apr. 4.

Sir Nevile Henderson, recalled British Ambassador to the Reich, will resume his post in Berlin within the week, it was understood today. The Ambassador's presence in Germany is required by present difficult circumstances. His return cannot raise any doubts over the direction of British policies, it is emphasized, because Britain has set and clearly defined her course.—Havas.

Both Parties Anxious to See Order Here

Japanese Spokesman Replies To Query on Terrorists

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

Asked by a foreign correspondent whether the understanding recently reached between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Japanese authorities regarding the control of terroristic elements in the International Settlement was working well, the Foreign Office spokesman replied that there appeared to be some difficulty, but the parties concerned were all anxious to smoothe it out.

Questioned by a correspondent whether the new understanding was satisfactory or not, the spokesman replied that it was difficult to tell.—Reuter.

Greek Minister Arrives At Kobe

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

Mr. Athanase Politie, newly-appointed Greek Minister to Tokyo, arrived at Kobe this morning aboard the Empress of Asia. The Greek Legation in Tokyo will be reopened after an interval of fifteen years, with the arrival of Mr. Politie.—Reuter.

Sensation By First Lord Of Admiralty

Reports on Alleged Speech Suppressed; Commons Query Due

London, Apr. 5.

Most newspapers this morning presented in banner headlines the statement made by Lord Stanhope, the First Lord of the Admiralty, during a banquet last night on board H.M.S. Royal Oak, according to which very important anti-aircraft measures were to have been taken last night.

The report created a sensation as the Admiralty later asked that "in national interest" the statement be given no publicity.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, deputy Labour Leader, has announced that he would raise the question in the House of Commons.

"The Times" and the "Daily Telegraph" failed to mention the affair, but according to the "News-Chronicle" Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, very much regretted the text of the speech made by Lord Stanhope who may be relieved of his post.—Havas.

Alleged Remarks Quoted

London, Apr. 5.

Remarks by Lord Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, made at Portsmouth yesterday on board H.M.S. Royal Oak, caused a furore when the Admiralty attempted to suppress the information but failed because it was too late to halt dispatches which had been sent to all parts of the world, it was revealed today.

The "Daily Express" in its early editions used banner headlines, saying, "First Lord's Dramatic announcement: All anti-Aircraft Guns of Fleet manned." Under the headlines, the "Daily Express" quoted the remarks of the Earl of Stanhope that all anti-aircraft guns of the Royal Navy had been manned. When the First Lord was questioned regarding his remarks, the "Daily Express" quoted him as saying that "the official answer is that the fleet is taking precautions and that the fleet is always ready."

The 3 a.m. edition of the "Daily Express" eliminated the remarks of the First Lord, but printed a short story saying, "Mr. Arthur Greenwood may raise at the House of Commons today a question on the extraordinary speech by the Earl of Stanhope. The Admiralty has asked newspapers not to print the speech in the national interests."

"Daily Mail" Report

The "Daily Mail" printed the speech by the Earl of Stanhope under headlines which said: "First Lord's Navy Speech Sensation. Guns Manned and Admiralty Denial."

The Admiralty at 11.05 p.m. yesterday requested all British newspapers not to publish the First Lord's remarks, the "Daily Mail" said. "By then," it added, "the news was flashed throughout the world. Under the circumstances suppression will not serve public interests."

Admiral Lord Chatfield, Minister for the Co-Ordination of National Defence, said at the Headquarters Command there was "no unusual activity. No leave has been stopped and the barracks are normal," the "Daily Mail" said.

The "Daily Herald" without quoting the remarks of the Earl of Stanhope said that his speech had caused a profound sensation. "Many Members of Parliament regarded it as a most amazing indiscretion," the "Daily Herald" said. Members of Parliament and the Admiralty held consultations and some urged that the House of Commons discuss the remarks late on Tuesday evening, but the Opposition decided not to act until Wednesday, the "Daily Herald" said.

Warning to Germany

The Earl of Cork and Orrery, Commander-in-Chief of the Portsmouth naval base, issued a warning to Germany today after launching the new British destroyer, H.M.S. Kashmir, at Southampton.

"Recently the Germans have been jeering citizens of this county by

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Parliament to Adjourn On April 6

London, Apr. 4.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, announced in the House of Commons today that Parliament would adjourn on April 6, and would reassemble on April 18. He said that provision would be made to summon the House earlier if circumstances so required.—Reuter.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Sir Robert Craigie Arrives in Shanghai

Sir Robert Craigie, H.M. Ambassador to Tokyo, accompanied by Lady Craigie, arrived yesterday afternoon in the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Canada, on a short visit to Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H.M. Ambassador to China. Besieged by a host of pressmen on board the ship, Sir Robert denied that his visit had any political significance. He is seen in the picture (left) walking towards the British Ambassador's car at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf with (left to right) Lady Craigie, Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General, and Mr. P. M. Broadmead, Chinese Counsellor.

British Consul in Mosul Killed By Crowd Inflamed by Rumours

Iraq Prime Minister Expresses Regrets; All Arab World Mourns Late King Ghazi

London, Apr. 4.

THE victim, according to official reports here, of agitators who worked up a crowd of mourners, Mr. G. E. A. C. Monck-Mason, the British Consul at Mosul, was assassinated today by revolver shots following the announcement of news of the death of King Ghazi of Iraq. The agitators, it is officially stated, worked up a crowd of mourners in the neighbourhood of the British Consulate into a passion, declaring that King Ghazi had been "murdered by the English." Four men, alleged to be responsible for Mr. Monck-Mason's death, have been arrested, and they will be tried by a special court.

A report from Cairo contradicts earlier reports stating that Mr. Monck-Mason met his death by revolver shots. This account declares that the murdered Briton was "stoned to death on the steps of the British Consulate at Mosul while attempting to pacify an angry mob."

The Prime Minister of Iraq, General Nuri es-Said, today called on the British Charge d'Affaires in Baghdad, and expressed the Iraq Government's regrets. He added that the incident had been a "terrible shock" to him personally.

The British Consulate was set on fire following the murder of the British Consul. Martial law was declared in Mosul, and order was restored a few hours later.

Mr. Monck-Mason was appointed to the post of British Consul in Mosul last October, and was previously

The Late King Ghazi I

British Consul at Tetuan. Mosul, where the murder occurred, is in the vilayet of Mosul and situated on the river Tigris, 220 miles north-west of Baghdad, the capital of Iraq.—Reuter.

Arab World Mourns

Baghdad, Apr. 4.

The whole of the Arab world was deeply affected today upon learning of the sudden death of King Ghazi. Solemn funeral ceremonies will take place at 7.30 a.m. tomorrow. All of this afternoon, a crowd of people, faces sad and showing great emotion, passed before the body of the late sovereign, lying in state in the Royal Palace.

Parliament is to meet on Thursday to confirm the appointment of Prince Abdul Ilah as Regent, for the new King is the four-year-old Faisal.

Black flags were hoisted today not only throughout Iraq, but in all Arab countries, especially Transjordania.

Syria's Parliament voted an address of condolences, and President Emile Edde of the Libanese Republic also sent a telegram of condolences to the Regent.

Emir Abdallah of Transjordania, and his son, Emir Talal, flew to Baghdad today to be present for the funeral service tomorrow.

Palestine and all Arab lands in the Near East will be in mourning tomorrow and will cease all activities.—Havas.

German Condolences

Berlin, Apr. 5.

The profound sympathy of the German people for the Royal House of Iraq and their subjects in the bereavement they have sustained in the untimely death of King Ghazi, has been expressed in a telegram dispatched to Prince Abdul Ilah in Bagdad by Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

The Reich Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, has sent a similar message of condolence to the Foreign Minister of Iraq. As a sign of mourning the German flag is being flown at half-mast over Government buildings here.—Trans-Ocean.

New Explosions in England Reported

Birmingham Becomes Centre of Further Series of Outrages

London, Apr. 5.

Adding to the high total of recent acts of terrorism in Great Britain, several explosions were reported yesterday evening in the central district of Birmingham. A large store was the scene of one of the explosions, but fortunately there were no casualties. Near the entrance to the same store, a bomb which failed to explode was discovered later.

The first explosion took place at Snowhill, near the city's main railway station, followed half an hour later by the second, at Congreve Street, in the vicinity of the municipal buildings. Windows were shattered by each of these explosions.

A report was received here this morning from Liverpool, announcing an explosion in that city last night, resulting in slight material damage.

From Coventry, it is reported that a bomb attached to an electric pylon exploded at 5 a.m., damaging a hotel, but resulting in no casualties.—Havas.

Explosions in Birmingham

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 5.

Five more bomb explosions occurred in three big provincial cities during the night.

After Birmingham had been shaken by three explosions outside important civic centres, single outrages occurred in Liverpool and Coventry, both apparently in a vain attempt to dislocate the tramway services. No one was injured but there were some remarkable escapes.

The Birmingham bombs, all placed in refuse bins, caused extensive shattering of windows.—Reuter.

Italian Broadcast from Bari Denies Rumours of Moves Against Albania

Move Said to Be "Strengthening of Defensive Alliance"; Yugoslavia Becomes Apprehensive

Rome, Apr. 4.

"Reports published abroad about the situation, and concerning relations between Italy and Albania, are tendentious and unfounded," declared a broadcast from Bari, reported in the "Gazetta del Mezzo Giorno." The broadcast stated that, at the explicit request of King Zog of Albania, conversations were progressing regarding the reinforcement of the defensive alliance between the two countries and "it is not the intention of the Italian Government to make an attempt against the independence and integrity of Albania."

The move is regarded here as a counter-measure to British soundings of Greece and Yugoslavia regarding the projected anti-aggression front. It is felt that Italy, by occupying Albania, might wish to impress on them the need of maintaining good relations with the Rome-Berlin Axis, and of leaving Italy secure in the Adriatic.

The Italian occupation of Albania, it is stated here, would apparently unfavourably impress Yugoslavia, where the German occupation of the Czech provinces is said to have caused a wave of Pan-Slav feeling, which has turned many people's thoughts towards the British anti-aggression plan.—Reuter.

Opinion in London

London, Apr. 4.

Any Italian action against Albania would breach the April 16 Anglo-Italian Agreement of last year, which provides for the maintenance of the Mediterranean *status quo*, British quarters emphasized today. If Britain denounces the Accords if Italy takes such action, Rome may refuse to evacuate Italian troops still in Spain and the Balearics.

Informed quarters believe the outcome will depend chiefly upon the attitude adopted by Yugoslavia, and various unconfirmed rumours are already making the rounds on this subject. Some rumours claimed that Italy offered to guarantee Yugoslavian integrity, even against the Reich, in exchange for her neutrality in the Albanian affair.

The situation was somewhat cleared up this morning when Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, conferred with Lord Perth, British Ambassador, it was believed. No definite reports were available to a late hour today.—Havas.

French Protest Over Spratley Islands

Paris, Apr. 4.

The French Ambassador in Tokyo today was instructed to lodge a sharp protest with the Japanese Foreign Office against Japan's intention of occupying the Spratley Islands, midway between Manila and Singapore. The protest will be based on the grounds that France maintains her claim of sovereignty over the islands because of French occupation in 1933.—United Press.

Pressmen Besiege Visiting Envoy

Sir Robert Craigie Denies Trip to Shanghai Has Any Political Significance

Besieged by a host of reporters and press photographers, the majority of whom were representatives of Japanese newspapers and news agencies, Sir Robert Craigie, H.M. Ambassador to Tokyo, had a hectic period answering hundreds of questions which were fired at him in quick succession yesterday afternoon, shortly after his arrival in the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Canada, from Japan on a short visit to Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H.M. Ambassador to China.

Quarantine Flag Up

Flying the yellow quarantine flag the ship berthed at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf at about 1.30 p.m. but no one was allowed on board until the Customs doctor had made an examination of a sick passenger in the liner. Waiting on the wharf to greet the visiting envoy were Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General; Mr. P. M. Broadmead, Chinese Counsellor and other diplomatic officials, while also present were Mr. A. H. Samson, Deputy Commissioner, Shanghai Municipal Police and a guard of detectives.

After a quarter of an hour's delay the gangplank was finally lowered and the first to go on board were the pressmen who immediately made their way to the first class promenade deck where Sir Robert and Lady Craigie awaited the arrival of the diplomatic party, in company with Group Captain W.E.G. Bryant, British Air Attache in Tokyo, paying a short visit to Shanghai with his wife and daughter.

Holiday Visit

Here Sir Robert was asked many questions as to the nature of his visit to Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, denying reports that his trip to Shanghai had any diplomatic significance. "I shall only stay two or three days," he stated. "I am spending a short holiday in the city and will be staying with the British Ambassador at his home."

Asked if any diplomatic conversations with Sir Archibald Clark Kerr would be carried on during his sojourn in the city, Sir Robert stated "My visit has no political significance whatsoever. It is just a friendly visit to Sir Archibald Clark Kerr. I have no other statement to make."

With the arrival of Sir Herbert Phillips and Mr. Broadmead, greetings were exchanged between the visiting envoy and his wife and the welcoming party, the group posing for many pictures before they were finally able to leave the ship.

Detective Escort

Followed by the reporters and photographers the party then made its way to the wharf where they were met by the guard of detectives and escorted to the British Ambassador's car, which was waiting to take Sir Robert and Lady Craigie to the Ambassadorial residence in Tunsin Road where they will stay until Friday when they leave for Japan in the ss. Tarakuni Maru.

Accompanied by Mr. Broadmead and two detectives Sir Robert and Lady Craigie then departed to meet Sir Archibald Clark Kerr at his residence, stopping to pose for a group of Japanese photographers prior to entering the car.

Wang Ching-wei Agreement With Japan Exposed

Chungking Newspaper Story Causes Sensation; Peace at $3,000,000 a Month Alleged Sought

Chungking, Apr. 5.

PUBLICATION of details of an alleged "secret agreement" between Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former President of the Executive Yuan, and Baron Hiranuma, Japanese Prime Minister, has caused a sensation, and at the same time profoundly shocked Chinese circles here.

The fact of the publication of the report alone is worthy of considerable attention, since hitherto the Chinese Central Government authorities, in the hope that he would eventually be persuaded to abandon his peace policy and return to the fold of the Kuomintang, had issued the strictest orders banning publication of any news dispatches and comments attacking Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

The fact that the press ban has been lifted, allowing publication of the story, clearly shows that the Central Government has definitely abandoned all hopes of a change in attitude on his part. This indicates that there is no further possibility of co-operation between Mr. Wang Ching-wei and the Central Government.

Reuter understands that many recent developments have resulted in a change of attitude on the part of the Government towards him.

Government Abandons Wang

These developments are understood to be as follows:—

1. The continued activities on the part of Mr. Wang Ching-wei and his associates, sometimes openly, in negotiations with the Japanese, have led the Central Government authorities to abandon hope in him.

2. The publication on April 1 of a statement in which he disclosed many confidential documents and also threatened to disclose more later, annoyed the Central Government authorities, who were of the opinion that he had no right and justification to reveal state secrets, unless he "willingly and completely becomes a traitor to the state."

It is generally believed here that the Central Government will shortly discuss and announce drastic measures to punish Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and also his associates, for "traitorous activities," probably ordering their arrest and punishment in accordance to law.

Agreement Disclosed

The "Ta Kung Pao" was responsible for the disclosure of the alleged secret agreement. The agreement, the paper said, had been reached between Baron Hiranuma, the Japanese Prime Minister, and Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former President of the Executive Yuan, who is now living in virtual exile in French Indo-China. The agreement, according to the journal, consists of the following points:—

1. In order to facilitate early realisation of the peace policy of Mr. Wang Ching-wei and Prince Konoye, the former Japanese Premier, Japan, before the Chinese Central Government completes the reorganization of its army, should launch several offensives designed to achieve the following objectives:—

(a) In North China, Japan must occupy Sian, capital of Shensi, effect encirclement of Szechuen, and cut communications between China and Russia.

(b) In South China, the Japanese should occupy Nanning, capital of Kwangsi, in order to exert pressure on anti-Japanese sentiment in that province, and should also cut communications between Kwangsi and French Indo-China;

(c) In Central China, the Japanese should occupy Changsha, cut the Kiangsi-Hunan Railway, occupy Siangyang and Fangchen, and apply a strangle-hold on the Hunan and Szechuen provinces.

To Lead Anti-Chiang War

2. When Japan completes the foregoing programme, Mr. Wang Ching-wei will personally lead "an anti-Chiang Kai-shek and an anti-Communist war." He has guaranteed his ability to control at least 20 divisions of full military strength.

3. Mr. Wang Ching-wei will be responsible for the organization of Anti-Communist and National Salvation Alliance, with himself as Chief Executive and with enough executive power to exterminate all anti-Japanese and Communist elements.

4. An agreement should be discussed for the restoration of peaceful and friendly relations between China and Japan. The agreement should be based on anti-Communist principles and on declarations by Prince Konoye and Mr. Wang Ching-wei. The views of all anti-Communist bodies should be heard.

5. For realisation of the second and third points, Japan should pay Mr. Wang Ching-wei $3,000,000 a month for expenses.

Mr. Kao Tsung-wu, formerly chief of the Asiatic Affairs Department of the Foreign Office, is alleged to have arrived in Tokyo on February 20 with these proposals and to have had several interviews with Baron Hiranuma, with whom he is said to have made the following concrete agreement:

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M. Lebrun Re-elected French President

Paris, Apr. 5.

The National Assembly today re-elected M. Albert Lebrun as President of the French Republic at the first ballot. M. Lebrun polled 487 votes out of 909.—Havas.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8⅛d. U.S.$ 16 7/32c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Apr. 5.

Unchanged quotations for silver were fixed in London today, with prices being as follows:—

	Apr. 4	Apr. 5
London spot	19⅛d.	19⅛d.
" forward	19⅛d.	19⅛d.
" gold	148/5½d.	148/6d.
London/New York:		
One pound U.S.	$4.6828	$4.6813
One U.S. dollar	51.251d.	51.267d.

—Reuter.

Tokyo Dissatisfied By Soviet Accord

Fisheries Union and Press Urge Stronger Stand for Final Pact

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

Representatives of the Japanese Fishery Union, whose members are operating in northern waters, participated in an auction held in Vladivostok yesterday as a result of the conclusion of an agreement on the fisheries question between Japan and the Soviet.

The Union held an emergency meeting at its offices in Tokyo this afternoon, to decide upon the formal attitude to be adopted towards the fisheries question. A statement issued by the Union expressed regret over failure in past negotiations with the Soviet, in that "legitimate Japanese fishery rights in northern waters were not fully protected."

In view of the negotiations resulting in the conclusion of a fisheries agreement, the statement adds, the Japanese Fishery Union urges the Government to make redoubled efforts in concluding a "full fishery treaty" with the Soviet Union, in order fully to protect Japanese rights in northern waters.

Satisfaction is expressed by the spokesman of the Foreign Office over the fishery *modus vivendi* and the result of the auction in Vladivostok yesterday. He announced that 357 fishery lots were leased by Japanese operators, including 254 successfully bidden for in Vladivostok, yesterday and the substitute lots given the Japanese.—Reuter.

Tokyo Press Dissatisfied

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

The agreement between Japan and the Soviet Union on the question of fisheries is not accorded an enthusiastic reception by the press here.

The "Hochi Shimbun" demands that the Government, having reached an interim settlement, should now press for a conclusive agreement. The paper doubts Moscow's sincerity, declaring that the Soviet Government regards Japan as her principal enemy and aims at weakening her wherever possible.

A demand that no further concessions be made to Moscow in the final settlement of the fisheries problem is advanced by the "Asahi Shimbun," while the "Miyako Shimbun" believes an improvement in Soviet-Japanese relations can hardly be expected because of the provisional agreement reached in Moscow.—Trans-Ocean.

New Soviet-Manchoukuo Border Clashes

Situation "Extremely Tense," Tokyo Told

Tokyo, Apr. 4.

A Japanese report states that fresh clashes have taken place on the Manchoukuo-Soviet border.

Twenty-three Soviet soldiers are stated to have entered Manchoukuo, and fired on frontier patrols, who are reported to have returned the fire in full. Later, Soviet troops are reported to have been reinforced by about forty soldiers, with two machine-guns. After three hours' fighting, the Russians, according to the Japanese report, retired. On the next day, the Soviet attack is reported to have been resumed, and both sides are now said to be facing one another.

The atmosphere is described as "extremely tense." The Manchoukuo guards are said to have suffered several casualties.—Reuter.

Soviet-Japan Skirmish Near Manchouli

Russians Repulsed After Three Defenders Die

Changchun, Apr. 5.

Three Japanese soldiers, it is announced, were killed in a two-day engagement with Soviet troops attacking Liuchia, in the Three Rivers District, north-east of Manchouli.

The Soviet troops, supported by three artillery pieces and carrying light and heavy machine-guns, were driven back. Their casualties are not known.

Between 200 and 300 men were engaged in the fight.—Reuter.

A.R.P. Measures in Vatican City

History Made in New Departure

Vatican City, Apr. 5.

For the first time in the history of the Vatican City, air raid precaution measures are being studied here.

It has been decided that, in the event of necessity, the Pope and his collaborators could seek shelter in the Nicholas V bastion, on which the present pontifical palace is constructed. The walls of the bastion are nine feet, and in some sections fifteen feet, thick. The large circular hall was transformed a few months ago into a vault in which a part of the Church's treasures is being guarded.

Experts consider that these two rooms can withstand the explosion of the most powerful bombs.—Havas.

Japan's Central China Trading Company Announces Profits

More Than Y.20 Million Made Since March; Eight Subsidiaries Conduct Monopolies

Tokyo, Apr. 4.

AT a general meeting of shareholders, the Board reported that the Central China Development Company had made a profit of Y.20,646,000 since its formation last March. The company has a capital of Y.100,000,000, half of which was subscribed by the Japanese Government, and the other half by Japanese capitalists. The meeting decided to declare no dividend, but to allocate Y.3,000,000 to the Reserve Fund, Y.300,000 to an Employees Pension Fund and to carry forward Y.17,346,000. It was announced that the Company had established eight subsidiaries to carry on Japan's economic policies in Central China.

These subsidiaries are:—

The Central China Mining Company, established in April, 1939, with a capital of Y.10,000,000, to prospect and develop major mineral resources in Central China, including iron, coal, flourspar, manganese, antimony, tungsten, molybdenum, alumina and alum.

The Central China Electric and Waterworks Company, established in June, 1938, with a capital of Y.25,000,000, to carry on electricity and water supply business in the Shanghai area. The company plans to undertake similar activities in the principal cities of Central China by merger and reconstruction.

Whangpoo Shipping Monopoly

The Shanghai Hinterland Steamship Company, established in July, 1938, with a capital of Y.2,000,000, to monopolize steamship and junk transportation activities on the Whangpoo River, its tributaries, lakes and creeks. This company is already operating 81 small steamers and 140 ferries and towboats. During December, 1938, it transported 12,000 tons of cargo and 5,800 passengers.

The Central China Electric Communications Company, established in July, 1938, with a capital of Y.15,000,000; aims at monopolizing electric communication business in Central China. It has already opened direct wireless facilities with Japan, America, Hongkong, Manila, Dairen, Tsingtao, Tientsin, Nanking, Hangchow, Hankow and Japanese steamers on the China coasts; and is also operating wireless communications with various European and American cities via Japan. City telephone services linking major cities in Central China have also been opened by this company.

The Shanghai Industrial Company, established in September, 1938, with a capital of Y.90,000,000, with the object of undertaking a large-scale town-planning for Greater Shanghai. This company has obtained control of some ten thousand acres of land surrounding the Greater Shanghai Municipal Offices and has started surveys.

Bus and Fishing Monopolies

The Central China City Bus Company established in November, 1938, with a capital of Y.3,000,000, with the object of developing city bus services in major cities of Central China. This company is managing bus services in Shanghai, Nanking, Soochow and Chinkiang. It has a fleet of 100 buses, and covers a total length of 230 kilometres.

The Central China Marine Products Company established in November, 1938, with a capital of Y.5,000,000. This company is managing the Shanghai fresh-fish wholesale market and is engaged in trawling along the coast of Central China. For the time being, a monthly catch valued at Y.100,000 is planned.

The Greater Shanghai Gas Company established in December, 1938, with a capital of Y.3,000,000, for the purpose of engaging in the gas enterprise in Greater Shanghai. Its plants are already adequate to meet the demand of 3,000 houses in accordance with the New Shanghai city reconstruction project.—Reuter.

No Sanctions Against Germany

Britain Disapproves of Such a Policy

London, Apr. 5.

The British Government are opposed to any form of economic sanction against the Reich, it was indicated in statements made in the House of Commons today by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Butler was replying to a question by Mr. Geoffrey M. Mander, Liberal member for East Wolverhampton, who enquired as to the possibility of preventing Germany from obtaining supplies of materials such as oil, copper, aluminium, tungsten, manganese, nickel, phosphates, tin, and mercury, all necessary for rearmament purposes.

"The commodities mentioned by Mr. Mander are not in use exclusively or even mainly for the purpose of rearmament," Mr. Butler said. "An arrangement to withhold them from certain countries would constitute in effect a form of sanction the imposition of which is not part of the British Government's policy."—Havas.

Rolls-Royce Factory Workers Strike

London, Apr. 4.

Six hundred workers in the Rolls-Royce plant at Crewe went on strike today in protest against the employment of women in certain workshops. —Havas.

THE CINEMA

"Sweethearts"

Gwen Marlowe	Jeanette MacDonald
Ernest Lane	Nelson Eddy
Felix Lehman	Frank Morgan
Hans	Ray Bolger
Kay Jordan	Florence Rice
Leo Kronk	Mischa Auer
Oscar Engel	Herman Bing
Norman Trumpett	Reginald Gardiner
Hannah	Fay Holden
"Dink"	Allyn Joslyn
Appleby	Olin Howland
Mrs. Marlowe	Lucille Watson
Augustus	Gene Lockhart
Aunt Amelia	Kathleen Lockhart
Sheridan	Perton Churchill

"Sweethearts," which had its first performances at the Nanking Theatre yesterday, is a film built on the most generous and lavish of scales. It is very long, it is in technicolour and it encourages Miss Jeanette Macdonald and Mr. Nelson Eddy to sing on the slightest provocation, it throws in a fashion parade, free gratis, and for nothing as it were, and what is more, it manages amusingly to decorate the oldest of film stories. In the story Gwen (Miss Macdonald) and Ernest (Mr. Eddy) are not only sweethearts in the musical comedy which has run for six years and looks good enough for another six, they are sweethearts in real life. Indeed they are married but that does not prevent Ernest from slipping every evening under Gwen's door a love letter which reads as though it had popped out of a Christmas cracker by mistake. The script makes it satirically and delightfully clear that the married couple are as good natured as they are stupid, and it needs a positively exhibitionistic display of family and managerial selfishness to drive them to the length of contemplating a Hollywood contract. But if "Sweethearts" is to continue to run and rejoice the heart of Felix (Mr. Frank Morgan), who professes to look upon the stars as his "kiddies," while actually they are a considerable asset to his bank balance, the film contract must never be signed and that is where Mr. Mischa Auer comes in. Mr. Auer was responsible for the musical comedy and the knowledge of human nature that enabled him to write that masterpiece enables him also to separate Gwen from Ernest. Temporarily of course. The film is agreeably full of satire and a kind of good natured indulgence towards the stage and everything that goes on in dressing rooms and on the boards. The colour is most pleasant when the shades are neutral but it is inclned to shriek when it is brought up against primary colours. In support to the main picture is a news feature. —R.B.

"The Squeaker"

Barrabal	Edmound Lowe
Frank Sutton	Sebastian Shaw
Carol Stedman	Ann Todd
Tamara	Tamara Desni
Larry Graeme	Robert Newton
Inspector Elford	Allan Jeayes
Joshua Collie	Alasthir Sim
Supt. Marshall	Stewart Rome
Mrs. Stedman	Mabel Terry-Lewis
Mr. Field	Gordon McLeod

Mr. Edmund Lowe is almost certain to delight fans of detective thrillers in his film, "The Squeaker," which opened at the Cathay Theatre yesterday. This time he portrays the part of an ex-Scotland Yard detective whose strong love for liquor has cost him his job. He wants to get back on the strength of the world's outstanding police force and offers to solve the mystery surrounding the Squeaker, a man who deals in stolen gems and buys them from the actual burglars for ridiculously low prices, threatening the latter that if they do not sell out, he would report them to the police. All attempts on the part of the Yard's best men to apprehend him have failed, however, and following a series of thrilling adventures, Mr. Lowe, as is obvious from the beginning of the picture, is successful not only in being re-instated by but also in conquering the heart of beautiful Miss Ann Todd, who falls in love with him, long before the thriller is brought to a conclusion.—T.F.

Ningpo Fishing Vessel to Sail For America Today

A crew of seven is to man the vessel shown above in at attempt to make a non-stop voyage to San Francisco where the junk will be exhibited at the San Francisco Exhibition.

Sensation By First Lord Of Admiralty

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saying that we can produce machines of war but cannot produce the men to man them," he said. "We will let them know all about that when the time comes."

Reports reaching here tonight quoted Lord Stanhope as having said in part at the launching ceremonies that "shortly before I left the Admiralty, it became necessary to give orders to man all anti-aircraft guns in the Fleet so as to be ready for anything that might happen. Long before the guests came aboard this new ship today, sixteen anti-aircraft guns mounted near here could have given a warm welcome to anyone who happened to come this way."—United Press.

Another Version Given

London, Apr. 5.

Guests at the performance of a naval film on board the aircraft carrier Royal Oak yesterday evening were surprised by the statement by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Stanhope, that a number of guests could not attend the performance because shortly before he had left the Admiralty it had become necessary to give the order to man the anti-aircraft guns of the Navy that they might be prepared for anything which might happen. The Navy takes precautionary measures, Lord Stanhope declared. "The Navy is always prepared."

When Lord Stanhope made that statement, a great number of seats reserved for officers was not occupied because they were at that time at their posts at anti-aircraft guns.

The unexpected declaration by Lord Stanhope caused a great sensation among the spectators but the performance went on as arranged.

Shortly after Lord Stanhope's statement became known, the Press Association informed all its clients that "in the national interest" Lord Stanhope's statement should under no circumstances be published.—Trans-Ocean.

Cabinet Discusses Reshuffle

London, Apr. 5.

It is understood that the Cabinet, at its meeting this morning, discussed the eventuality of a reshuffle which would provide for the inclusion of Mr. Winston Churchill, noted Tory leader and former First Lord of the Admiralty, and Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary.

If the reshuffle were to take place, Mr. Churchill would be entrusted most probably with the Ministry of Supplies, the creation of which is being discussed at present.

It is expected that the change in the Cabinet will be effected following the departure of Lord Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, who will probably resign as a result of last night's incident.

Prior to this morning's Cabinet meeting, Lord Stanhope held a lengthy interview with the Prime Minister in connection with the incident.

Authorized quarters stated that Lord Stanhope wished to give to understand that the fleet should always be ready for action, and did not mean to refer to any particular emergency.—Havas.

Mr. Chamberlain's Statement

London, Apr. 5.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Opposition, asked the Prime Minister in the House of Commons this afternoon for a statement about the official request yesterday by the Government to the press not to publish Earl Stanhope's instructions regarding the manning of anti-aircraft guns of the Fleet.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that Earl Stanhope's remarks were not premeditated and denied that he had invited special publication.

Earl Stanhope, declared the Prime Minister, drew attention to the fact that there was not a full attendance on the Ark Royal in which he was speaking, as some men had been retained aboard their owns ships ready to man guns, in keeping with normal practice in times of tension.

Mr. Chamberlain himself had directed that the press be requested not to publish the speech or, alternatively, not to ascribe particular importance to it. He had foreseen that it might be treated in a sensational manner.

Replying to questions, the Prime Minister admitted that Earl Stanhope's remarks were not very happily chosen.

Mr. Chamberlain said that no fresh Naval orders had been issued.

Earl Stanhope, he added, had expressed great regret at having aroused unnecessary alarm.—Reuter.

Switzerland Raises Age Limit For Service

Reserve to Be Reorganized Completely

Berne, April 5.

The Federal Council has decided to raise the limit of compulsory military service from 48 years to 60 as a step towards reinforcing the Army in the event of war. Men unsuited for active service will be drafted for the reserve, the whole basis of which will be reorganized.

The men between the ages of 20 and 32 who hitherto have been declared exempt from service for medical reasons, will undergo a special medical examination.

Girls and women are asked to volunteer to replace the men mobilized.

The appeal declares: "If war should break out, which God forbid, only the devotion and spirit of sacrifice of every man and woman can save our most sacred patrimony—liberty and independence."—Reuter.

Opening of Yangtze Pressed by London

Negotiations with Japan Reported in Commons

London, Apr. 5.

The British Government are still pursuing negotiations with the Japanese Government for the reopening of the Yangtze to commercial navigation, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, declared in the House of Commons this afternoon.

He was replying to a question by Cmdr. Arthur Marsden, Conservative member for North Battersea, who asked whether the British representations made in Tokyo on November 14 carried any effect.—Havas.

A wire urging the local Chinese commercial and banking leaders to abandon their "watch and wait" policy to co-operate with the Chinese Government in the development of the South-west provinces has been received from the Chinese Government by the local offices of the Chinese Government banks, says the "Sin Wan Pao." The policy of prolonged national resistance against Japan, the wire stated, calls for the close co-operation and fullest support from the Chinese industrial and banking circles. Local Chinese banking circles, it was reliably learned, are shortly organising an economic mission to conduct a tour of inspection to study the conditions in the South-west, the report states.

Wang Ching-wei Agreement with Japan Exposed

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1. When the Japanese forces have occupied Nanning, Changsha, Ichang, Shasi, Siangyang, Fangchen and Sian, Mr. Wang Ching-wei will issue another statement. Instead of the policy hitherto pursued of appealing to General Chiang Kai-shek to begin peace negotiations, Mr. Wang will himself emerge to handle the situation. But Japan must complete her part of the programme in May or June.

Furthermore, in order to overthrow the National Government, Japan is urged to send troops from Siangyang and Fangchen into the Hanchung area, while another column will march from Nanchang to Szechuen via Changteh and Kweiyang. The main attack is to be made in this sector.

Two Payments Said Made

The "Ta Kung Pao" alleges that the Japanese have already made two payments to Mr. Wang Ching-wei of $2,000,000 each; also that he has suggested that, if the Japanese should land troops for the occupation of Foochow and Shaochow, he would undertake to establish a South-west Government, after which, by an extension of Japanese military operations, he would be able gradually to bring about dissension within Chinese resistance ranks. Mr. Wang Ching-wei's "basic demands" include:—

1. Abolition of the "Reformed Government" at Nanking and of the "Provisional Government" at Peiping.
2. Establishment of a new National Government in Nanking.
3. Establishment of an anti-Communist National Salvation Alliance.
4. The grant of $3,000,000 a month as expenses.
5. The maintenance of 12 divisions as an anti-Communist National Salvation Army.
6. A military budget loan of $200,000,000.
7. Conclusion of a new agreement between Mr. Wang Ching-wei and Japan, based on Prince Konoye's statement.
8. China, in her international relations, should keep on friendly terms with Germany, Italy, Britain and America.
9. China should join the anti-Comintern Pact.

The "Ta Kung Pao" claims that details of this "secret agreement" were obtained by the Chinese authorities through a certain Mr. Hsia, who worked as an interpreter for the Japanese.

It confirms that Mr. Wang Ching-wei issued another statement on March 31 from Hanoi, in which he once more urged peace and declared that the Central Government wanted to end hostilities, but dared not say so, while he could speak his mind.

The "Ta Kung Pao," in a leader on the "secret agreement," expresses the opinion that the Chinese Government has so far been too lenient towards Mr. Wang Ching-wei and his associates, and advocates severe punishment for "such traitors."—Reuter.

Possibility of Attack On Gibraltar

Subject of Discussion In House of Commons

London, Apr. 5.

The possibility of a joint attack against Gibraltar and French Morocco by Nationalist Spain and Italy was discussed at this morning's Cabinet meeting here, well-informed political quarters state.

A serious view has been taken by the Government of the recent landings of Italian troops in Spain and the report from Burgos that German pressure is being exerted upon General Franco for the conclusion of military alliance between Nationalist Spain and the anti-Comintern pact powers.

Political circles fear that Italy and the Reich are planning an encirclement of France in reply to Britain's alleged attempts to encircle Germany. Any future action by Germany and Italy against Gibraltar would clarify Il Duce's recent statement that "Italy does not intend to remain a prisoner in the Mediterranean."—Havas.

In Sir Walter Moberly, the Ministry of Labour have found a man of unusual versatility to advise them on the utilization of services in wartime. As the grandson of two bishops he has gifts of scholarship which first brought him a fellowship at Oxford, and later professorships of political science and philosophy at Aberdeen and Birmingham. In the meantime he had won the D.S.O. and two mentions in dispatches during the war. His next moves proved his gift for organization. He became in turn head of University College, Exeter, Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, and three years ago Chairman of the University Grants Committee, a body which advises the Government on how to finance University education. His salary in this post is £3,500 a year.

Madrid Debts Suspended

Burgos, Apr. 4.

The Spanish Nationalist Government issued a decree today granting a moratorium on all debt payments in Madrid and other territories recently captured by the Nationalist troops. The moratorium will remain in effect "until further notice," the communiqué said.—United Press.

Japan's Attention Turning West

Nine Power Treaty Will Soon Be Denounced Says "Asahi Shimbun"

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

With the trouble between Japan and the Soviet Union settled with the conclusion of the fishery *modus vivendi*, the centre of gravity of Japan's diplomatic negotiation will shift to parleys with Western Powers in connection with the China incident, according to the "Asahi Shimbun."

The paper, however, points out that Japan's foreign policy will be guided by a basic principle, namely, the strengthening of relations with the anti-Comintern Pact, and at the same time the adjusting of relations with Britain, America, France and other democracies so as to maintain and promote friendship with them.

The "Asahi Shimbun" says that Japan upholds without any qualification whatever, the action of Germany and Italy in Europe, because Japan, as enunciated by Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, in a speech in the Diet, believes that "the causes of the present international anxiety and unrest are certainly many and complex, but there is no doubt that the principle causes lie essentially in the efforts to maintain the *status quo*, which is actually not in accordance with justice, and in the attempts made from selfish motives to stifle the development and progress of newly-risen powers."

The joint representations of Britain, America and France regarding Japan's policy regarding the China affair demand an early reply, the "Asahi Shimbun" adds. It points out, however, that those representations are based on the Nine Power Pact, which it calls a "dead letter."

Just a Matter of Time

The paper asserts that the prevailing situation indicates that Japan will denounce the Nine Power Pact at an opportune time, with the technical study in that connection being nearly completed.

The paper believes that it is simply a matter of time until Japan will denounce the Nine Power Pact, which it says aims at the guarantee of interests of Western Powers in China which is regarded as their colony, and it therefore, runs counter to the new order in East Asia.

The questions of free navigation of the Yangtze River and the currency in North China will also demand the attention of Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, in due course of time, according to the "Asahi Shimbun."

Asked by a foreign correspondent regarding the reported denunciation of the Nine Power Pact, the spokesman of the Foreign Office said: "There is no new development in that connection."—Reuter.

U.S. Plywood Sale Ban Urged

Valuable Peeler Logs Sold Uneconomically To Germany and Japan

Tacoma, Wash., Apr. 5.

Forest conservation interests have appealed to Congress to stop the rapid exportation to Germany, Italy and Japan of Douglas fir peeler logs from Washington and Oregon, which have the world's only supply.

Peeler logs, so named because plywood veneer is stripped from them, are from 200 to 700 years old and can never be commercially reafforested.

Germany, Italy and Japan, which have found veneer can be used in modern warfare, take 100,000,000 feet of peeler logs annually from Puget Sound and Columbia River ports, Mr. Axel H. Oxholm, managing director of the Pacific Forest Industries, said. Plywood is used to sheath trenches and build aeroplanes. Barracks made of the thin but strong pieces of wood can be assembled and dismantled in a matter of minutes. In addition, plywood has scores of peace-time uses in the building trades.

"This useless drain on our timber supply has to stop right now, Mr. Oxholm said, "or our virgin forests will be depleted. The priceless peeler logs are going, the American mills are running part-time and the American wage-earner is losing $1,000,000 annually," he said.

The world market, which formerly took 68,000,000 feet of manufactured plywood annually from Washington and Oregon plants, required 18,000,000 feet last year, Mr. Oxholm said. Log exports have risen accordingly.

Dumping Evil Exposed

"To make matters worse, foreign nations buy our raw materials and then proceed to put us out of business by dumping their surplus plywood on the world market," Mr. Oxholm said. "at one time Germany took more than 12,000,000 feet of American plywood. Now she only takes raw logs, places a ban against finished American plywood and causes the north-west mills and workmen to suffer."

A peeler log placed on a foreign ship represents about $2 per ton in labour charges, Mr. Oxholm estimated. It costs another $25 for labour to produce a ton of finished plywood in this country.

Foreign producers, however, can outbid American in the world market because Japanese labour, for instance, receives three cents per hour compared to 78 cents averaged in Pacific North-west plants, Mr. Oxholm said. —United Press.

Mr. Kelly Re-elected Mayor of Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 5.

Mr. Edward Kelly was re-elected Mayor of Chicago today. Mayor Kelly, a Democrat, defeated his Republican opponent, Mr. Dwight Green.—Havas.

Robbers Take $5,000

A Chinese messenger was held up by two male Chinese Tuesday morning about 11 a.m. on Shantung Road and robbed of a parcel containing $5,000. The robbers, who spoke Shanghai dialect, fired no shots and were able to make their escape into a convenient alleyway.

Crew of Seven to Challenge Pacific

Ningpo Junk Leaves Today for America

Steering along the old trade route for sailing vessels, with seven hardy souls aboard, the first junk to leave Shanghai this year in an attempt to reach America will pull away from the Garden Bridge pontoon at about 12 noon today bound on a non-stop voyage to San Francisco and the Exposition.

Mr. John Anderson, for many years a navigator with the Yangtze Navigation Co., will act as skipper. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Ivan Zurak, Mr. Zvonka Cvitanic, and a Chinese crew of three.

The junk, which is owned by Mr. F. D. Mortimer of the Chinese-American Publishing Co. is equipped with a 14 h.p. Diesel motor, and Mr. Anderson believes that, if all goes well, the trip should take about seventy days to complete. To prepare for all eventualities, however, two large water tanks which will hold a supply of water sufficient to last the crew for some months have been built into the boat, and food enough for five months is to be taken. A short wave radio receiving set will be used to pick up weather signals.

Junk Purchased in Haimen

Mr. Mortimer, who was to have made the trip also, had circumstances not prevented, purchased the three masted Ningpo fishing junk last year in Haimen and brought it to Shanghai where it was put on the ways for a complete overhaul. The original intention was to leave Shanghai last year, but construction of a new half deck and sleeping, bunks, and the installation of a wheel and engine took more time than was expected, and it was found necessary to postpone the sailing date until spring.

If the voyage is successfully completed, Mr. Anderson, who has chartered the vessel, will exhibit it at the Exposition in San Francisco, after which he intends to sail through the Panama Canal to New York. If possible Mr. Mortimer is to board the junk at New York and continue aboard her to Finland for the Olympic Games.

German Refugees Will Enrol in French Army

French Premier Informed Of Resolution

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Metz, Apr. 4.

German refugees here have sent M. Edouard Daladier, the Prime Minister, a copy of a resolution informing him that in the event of war, they would enrol in the French Army.

There are 10,000 refugees, including women and children in Moselle Province. They came from the Rhineland zone, Saar and Austria.

According to a recent decree, it is possible for foreigners to enrol in the French Army, in special battalions.—Reuter.

New Vice-President Elected in U.S.S.R.

Moscow, Apr. 4.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. today appointed M. Vosnessenski to the post of Vice-President of the Council of People's Commissars.—Havas.

Leading Incomes in U.S. Revealed

Film Actor and Actress Make Over $200,000

Washington, Apr. 5.

The film actor Mr. James Cagney, and the actress, Miss Kay Francis, were disclosed to have received only slightly less for a year's work than Mr. Hal Wallis production head of Warner Brothers. A listing of top salaries filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission showed that Mr. Wallis received $236,666 for the company's fiscal year ended August 27, 1938. Mr. Cagney was second with $234,000 and Miss Francis followed with $224,000. Warner Brothers also paid Mr. Jerome Kern, composer, $39,215.

Columbia Pictures reported that its President, Mr. Harry Cohn, received $182,000 during the fiscal year, while Mr. Jack Cohn, vice president, got $104,220. Mr. Attilio H. Giannini received $10,000 as financial adviser.

Other firms and salaries: Willys-Overland Motors, Inc.—David R. Wilson, president, $91,025; George W. Ritter, secretary $25,755.

A. O. Smith Corporation—W. C. Heath, president, $50,055; L. R. Smith, board chairman $34,026; John M. Floyd, vice president $71,544; F. A. Stevenson, vice president $52,303; Herbert W. Wolff, $40,694.

Sears Roebuck & Co.—Gen. Robert A. Wood, $100,000; Lessing J. Rosenwald, $75,000; James M. Barker, Thomas J. Carney, Donald M. Nelson, Emil J. Pollock, $50,000 each.

Swift & Co.—John Holmes, president, $64,135; B. Traynor, vice president and treasurer, $54,135; George F. Swift, vice chairman, $51,442.

Armour & Co.—R. H. Cablee, president, $122,130; Charles J. Faulkner, jr., general counsel $71,136; E. L. Lalumier, vice president, $67,507.—United Press.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

A special meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council has been convened for Wednesday, April 12 at 4.30 p.m.

President Roosevelt will return to Washington by special train on Sunday. He will arrive in the capital on Monday morning.

Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Reich Minister of Propaganda, was expected yesterday by air in Cairo in the course of his vacation.

The Municipal Offices will be closed to public business on Good Friday, April 7, on Staurday, April 8, and on Easter Monday, April 10.

There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion this morning in the Cathedral at 7.30 o'clock and in the Bubbling Well Chapel at 10.30 o'clock. Mattins will be said in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m., and at 5.30 p.m. the Bishop will conduct the last in his series of Meditations for Holy Week.

With shame written across his flushed face, Mr. Jack Benny, popular radio and motion picture comedian, pleaded guilty in Federal Court in New York to charges of conspiring to smuggle jewels into the United States. Benney received a suspended sentence of a year and a day and was fined $10,000.

The American Ambassador to the Court of St. James', Mr. Joseph Kennedy, had luncheon on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain at No. 10 Downing Street. Mrs. Kennedy also attended the private luncheon at which important international affairs were believed to have been discussed between the two statesmen.

The Public & Thos. Hanbury School for Girls are presenting a dramatic entertainment on April 20 and 21 at 5.30 p.m., in the Western District School, Yu Yuen Road, in aid of the M.C.L. The present students trust the general public will support them and they are particularly anxious that the old students will keep the dates in mind.

Union Church Women's Guild are holding their fortnightly meeting this afternoon in the Church Hall, when a special Easter programme arranged by Mrs. Bernard Read will be presented. Tea will be served from four o'clock, and the meeting will commence at five o'clock. A special invitation is extended to the men of the church to be present at this gathering.

Pursuant to the petitions from stamp-collectors, the Ministry of Communications is considering the issuing of special refugee relief stamps of the 2, 5, 25 and 50 cents denominations, says a report to the "Wen Wei Pao." About $10,000,000 worth of such stamps, if this suggestion materialises, will be printed by the Ministry, the report adds.

A wire urging President Roosevelt, Senator Key Pittman and other American senators to revise the U.S. Neutrality Act so that it will not affect China as a victim of aggression, was sent by the Sino-American Cultural Association from Chungking on April 4, says the "Wen Wei Pao." It is in the spirit of promoting Sino-American relations, the wire stated, that the association took it upon itself to address the American President and senators.

A special broadcast programme will be put on the air today by several Chinese broadcasting stations on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Dr. Ma Siang-pai, noted Chinese educator, says the "Shun Pao." Dr. Ma, who is in Kwangsi, has received congratulatory messages from Drs. H. H. Kung, Wang Chung-hui, Oong Wen-hao, Messrs. Chen Li-fu, Chang Kia-ngau, Chen Shou-jen, Wu Chung-hsin, Hsu Shih-ying, Wei Tao-ming, and Generals Ho Chien and Ho Ying-chin, the report adds.

Mr. Fred C. Sze, manager of the Joint Savings Society and Orient vice-president of the Associated Harvard Clubs, will be the host to members of the Shanghai Harvard Club at a dinner to be held in the American Club, April 14, at 7.30 p.m. The date is chosen to coincide with the opening of the annual convention of the Associated Harvard Club at New Orleans. The programme will include a short speech by Dr. Hsin Hai Chang, dean of the School of Arts of Kwang Hua University.

Mr. Vernon K. White, accompanied by Mrs. White, arrived yesterday in the ss. Empress of Canada to join the staff of General Motors China, Ltd., as service manager in charge of the company's field service operations. Mr. White is a qualified automotive engineer with many years of practical experience in the various General Motors manufacturing plants in the United States. Both at home and abroad he has specialized in the servicing of General Motors cars and trucks operated under a great variety of climatic and road conditions.

The Shanghai Free Christian Church, 681 Hart Road, have arranged for a series of meetings over the Easter week-end for the deepening of Spiritual life. A prayer meeting will be held on Thursday evening at eight, in addition to the usual service at 5.45. On Friday, April 7 messages from God's Word will be given at the morning gathering (10 to 12) by Messrs. A. Hayman and J. H. Kane. The same afternoon at 4.30 to 6 addresses will be given by Rev. J. W. Embery and Rev. W. H. Warran. An evening gathering for prayer will convene at 8. Services will be held at the same hour on Saturday except there will be no evening meeting. Special music has been arranged for these meetings.

Mr. J. Prip-Moller, the well-known Missions architect, arrived in Shanghai on Monday in the ss. Conte Verdi after an absence of about six years in Denmark, where he has recently completed his monumental work on "China's Buddhist Monasteries, their Plan and Function as a Setting for Buddhist Monastic Life." He has come from the missionary conference at Madras, where as a co-opted member he addressed the members on the indigenous architecture of Missions. Mr. Prip-Moller left yesterday for Tsingtao, having been invited by the American Lutheran Mission in Shantung to advise them on building problems. After a month's stay in Shantung he will proceed to Hongkong on similar work, and then rejoin Mrs. Prip-Moller in Denmark.

Many Refugees Are Given Treatment

Refugee Health Service Cares for Thousands Of Ill in Camps

Of the 33,853 refugees under the supervision of the Refugee Health Service organized by the Chinese Medical Association Council of Public Health an average of about 14,000 receive health care of one kind or another during each month, according to a report issued by the Service recently. A total of 44 refugee camps are given medical aid by the organization.

Activities of the Public Health Nursing Service included, in February, health education to 5,109 persons, besides care to 182 persons, examination of 1,388 for cleanliness and undernourishment, administration of powdered milk and cod liver oil to 3,721 children, and assistance given to physicians in examining 3,140 persons for trachoma. Through the nursing service 77 patients were referred to the hospital and 12 refugees were trained as health attendants.

The Refugee Maternity Centre cared for 54 new-born babies and made 320 home visits during the month. Nurses gave special attention to the health education of the mothers, and 76 individual and 46 group talks were given on the subject of general hygiene. Two health nurses and one clinical nurse continue to assist in the care of 3,728 students in five schools.

Factory Workers Receive Aid

Two nurses have been assigned to the industrial health work being carried on at the Mei Wen silk reeling factory. They are to help the physician in giving treatments and physical examinations and will engage in health education through the organization of clubs among the mothers and children employed by the factory.

All except one of the 236 cases cared for at the Maternal and Child Welfare Clinic during the month were under five years of age. Of the 55 new cases submitted for treatment, twenty cases were medical, nine cases were surgical, twenty cases were skin infections, and five were E. N. T. Six of these patients were placed in hospitals.

The number of communicable diseases treated during the month showed a noticeable decrease over those for the preceding month, only eleven cases undergoing treatment. All of these cases were isolated at home. Twenty smallpox examinations were made, and ten certificates were issued on request.

Slight Increase in Leprosy Cases

The total attendance at the Leprosy Clinic during the month was 114, including ten new cases which represented an increase of three over the preceding month. A total of 25 laboratory examinations was made.

The eye clinics, which are jointly controlled by the C. M. A. Council and the Chinese Opthalmology Society, have been mainly occupied with the treatment of trachoma, one of the most common diseases in the camps. The number of cases has shown a steady decrease in the last few months.

The Dental Clinic cared for 107 patients, the majority of cases being extractions. The number of tuberculosis cases treated in the camp was seven, and seven return visits were made.

Additional precautions are being taken by the health service at present in preparation for the coming summer months so that the number of cases of usual summer illnesses may be kept as low as possible.

Driver Pours Gasoline On Burning Truck

Arrival of Fire Engines Prevents Serious Blaze

When a motor-car fire is being put out with water it is bad enough, but when the amateur fire-fighter chooses gasoline to extinguish the flames it is just too bad, as the chauffeur of a truck who found his vehicle alight shortly after 5 p.m. on Monday afternoon is quite willing to substantiate.

It appears that the driver parked his truck, bearing licence No. 23138, at the corner of Avenue Edward VII and Hupeh Road in order to attend to some business in one of the hongs. When he came out, he found that two coolies had installed themselves on the driver's seat and had lighted a candle preparatory to consuming some opium. The chauffeur objected and a short discussion followed, with the result that the two narcotic smoking men became rather annoyed, so annoyed that accidentally they knocked over the candle with the result that the cushion on which they were sitting caught fire.

The flames could have probably been extinguished by throwing an overcoat on the burning material. The chauffeur evidently intended to make a good job of it however and, presumably not having heard that water should not be used in putting out fire when there is a possibility of petrol being ignited, took a can which he thought contained water and poured the whole contents on the cushion.

The results materialized immediately and had it not been for the arrival of two machines from Central fire-station, the blaze could have become threatening for, as soon as the gasoline left the tin, it caught fire and flames, several feet high, shot up from the driver's seat.

Japanese Journalists Here from North

Visiting Central China after travelling on the first train of the restored Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 12 Japanese journalists stationed in North China arrived in Shanghai from Nanking at 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.

After registering at the Towa Hotel, the Japanese newsmen were guests at a dinner party given under the joint auspices of the Japanese Army Press Section and the Japanese Journalists Association of Shanghai at the Momotaro Restaurant on Chapoo Road at 7 o'clock in the evening, the daily stated.

Nanking Government's First Year of Office

Civil officials, military and naval officers photographed at the ceremonies held in Nanking during the week of March 28 in celebration of the first anniversary of the Nanking Reformed Government. Included in the photograph are, left to right: Mr. Wen Tsung-yao, President of the Legislative Yuan of the Reformed Government in Nanking; Lt-Gen. Otozo Yamada, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to Central China; Mr. Liang Hung-chih, Chairman of the Executive Yuan of the Reformed Government; Vice-Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Seas Fleet; Mr. Wang Keh-ming, President of the Executive Yuan of the Provisional Government, Peiping.

Sub-Letting Abuses, Western Area Conditions Attacked

Chairman of Shanghai Property Owners' Association Urges Action; Hongkew Closure Criticized

An appeal to property owners to eliminate the abuses of sub-letting, which have become prevalent in an overcrowded Shanghai, was made by Mr. W. Mellor, Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Shanghai Property Owners' Association held yesterday in the offices of the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Also criticized were the existing conditions in the Western District of the city, the delay in opening up the Northern and Eastern districts and the lack of transportation facilities in these two areas.

In his speech the Chairman said: At the close of the year, December 31, 1938, there was a credit balance with the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation of $6,881.53, as compared with a balance of $6,157.19 for the previous year. Salaries during the year were increased as we decided to employ a stenographer on part time and this has enabled us to deal with the large number of circulars sent out in a more efficient manner than in the past at no great increase in cost.

Before formally proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I will give you a brief résumé of the activities of the Committee during the time that has elapsed since our last annual meeting.

It has been most gratifying to the Committee to note the increase in the number of voting and ordinary members, but there is still room for improvement and I hope that more individuals and firms interested in real estate, who are not at present members, will realise the benefits to be derived from this organization and become so during the year. The founders of this Association intended it to be international and the Committee are strongly of the opinion that more can be accomplished when it is known that this is so, and hope that this will be accepted by members of all nationalities as an invitation to apply for membership.

Question of Land Tax

In my concluding remarks last year I mentioned we were on the point of making strong representations to the Council on the question of refugees in occupation of members' properties. This was done and as a result an additional number of refugee camps were organized by the Council which has enabled a large number of you to obtain vacant possession of your properties.

Another serious problem with which some members were faced was their responsibility to the Council for payment of land tax as registered owners of a large number of lots. A sub-committee was formed, which approached the Shanghai and French Municipal Councils, and as an outcome of their deliberations both Councils agreed to co-operate with the registered owners in bringing suitable pressure to bear on beneficial owners with satisfactory results to both bodies. The officials of the Revenue Departments concerned were most helpful and the Committee takes pleasure in placing on record their appreciation of this.

At various times reference has been made to the dilatory tactics of the local Chinese Courts in regard to foreclosure proceedings on mortgages on which principal is overdue and interest outstanding. This matter is still receiving the attention of your Committee and it is anticipated that ways and means of speeding up procedure will be found shortly.

Sub-Letting Abuses

The law as between landlord and tenant, always a subject of dispute on account of the conflict in principles as between Anglo-Saxon law and the code adopted by the Chinese Courts, has been taken up by your Committee and there has undoubtedly been less delay during the past six or eight months in obtaining bearings and written copies of judgments.

Voting members have been circularized with copies of some judgments, particularly those referring to payment of rent by means of "Hui-Hua" cheques and it appears to your Committee that a great deal of useful information can be made available if decisions of the Courts are forwarded to the Secretary of the Association for distribution.

You are all aware of the serious overcrowding of properties and the profits tenants are making from sub-tenants; also of the lare sums of money which change hands when premises are sub-let, in many cases without the consent or knowledge of the owner of the property. These are abuses which all owners should do their utmost to eliminate and I hope this question will receive the attention of the incoming Committee.

As a result of conditions in the Western District, the Western (Extra-Settlement) Association was formed last year and I am sure most of you have read with great interest the speech of the Chairman at their recent annual meeting. Our Association has been in complete sympathy with them since formation and has given co-operation and support when requested.

Congestion Problems

The congestion within the Settlement and the Concession, South of the Soochow Creek, and the appalling state of affairs in the Western Extra-Settlement area could undoubtedly be ameliorated if the Northern and Eastern Districts of the International Settlement were opened up. This matter, together with that of the lack of transportation facilities, is, as you are all aware, receiving the constant attention of the authorities and public utilities companies concerned, but until both these problems are solved to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, it is useless to anticipate any general return of former residents and proprietors of small industries to their homes and places of business in the area North of the Soochow Creek. There has, I understand, been an increase in the number of Municipal Police in the area, which has done something to restore confidence, but it is unfortunate that the problem of transport is still unsolved.

In conclusion I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to all those gentlemen who have served on the Committee during the year and on the various sub-committees, whose valuable assistance has been greatly appreciated and to whom your thanks are also due.

The Report and Accounts were passed on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. F. W. Smith.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. G. T. W. Brooke, the following were elected as members of the committee: Messrs. W. A. Adams, E. S. Barraclough, A. W. Buck, John T. Y. Cheng, P. Chollot, J. B. Etherington, R. F. Griffin, N. E. Kent, J. H. Keswick, C. F. King, R. Lock, J. E. March, S. C. Miskin, R. F. C. Master, W. Mellor, Gordon Morriss, K. E. Newman, R. D. K. Silby, F. R. Smith.

The U.S. Senate has approved President Roosevelt's appointment of Mr. William Douglas to the Supreme Court in place of Justice Louis Brandeis, who recently retired.

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U.S. Court Rules Against C.I.O.

Affiliate Union Made To Pay Damages for "Sit-Down" Strike

Philadelphia, Apr. 5.

The Federal District Court returned an unprecedented decision here yesterday when it ordered Branch No. 1 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, an affiliate of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, to pay the Apex Hosiery Mill $711,932 damages for a 48-day "sitdown strike" in 1937.

The Court also awarded the hosiery company $25,000 judgment for attorneys' fees. The decision was based on the recent judgment of the United States Supreme Court declaring "sit-down strikes" illegal.

Union authorities said today that the decision would be appealed to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and would be taken to the Supreme Court if necessary to obtain a reversal.

The decision probably will go down in American labour history as a landmark in requiring greater responsibility on the part of labour organizations. Previously manufactures were unable to claim damages if operations in their plants were paralyzed by "sit-down strikes." The recent Supreme Court decision ruling such strikes illegal imposed on the unions all responsibility for seizing privately owned property and causing private losses through interference with production.—United Press.

Big Communist Group Found in Salonika

Ramifications Throughout Greece Reported

Special to the "N.C.D.N."

Athens, Apr. 4.

The Greek police claim to have unearthed in Salonika a big Communist organization, with ramifications throughout the country.

Those arrested include 37 Jews and twenty Armenians.

Two secret printing machines, and thousands of anti-Government leaflets, are reported to have been seized.—Reuter.

Two Germans Cruelly Beaten in Poland

Danzig, Apr. 4.

Two Germans were cruelly beaten in Eggershutte, Poland, near Danzig, the "Danziger Vorposten" reported today. Polish demonstrators were also alleged to have broken all windows and doors of German houses in that little town.—Havas.

New Salt Service to Be Established

Peiping, Apr. 5.

Extending its control over all Salt Gabelle offices in areas under its jurisdiction, the "Provisional Government" will establish a General Salt Administration early next month, it was revealed here today. Mr. Tai Chung-hang, Superintendent of Customs at Tsingtao, is expected to head the new office.—Domei.

Emperor of Annam to Visit France

Bao Dai to Receive Medical Treatment

Singapore, Apr. 5.

The 27-year-old Emperor of Annam, ruler of nearly 6,000,000 people in French Indo-China, will visit France shortly. He will be accompanied by his wife and other members of his family, including the Crown Prince.

In France he will have medical treatment for his leg, which he broke a few months ago while playing football in Hue, capital of Annam.

Educated in France, the Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, is one of the most modern rulers in the East. His country has been a French Protectorate since 1884.—Reuter.

Few Japanese Want to Join S.M.P.

Despite a first rush of applicants in response to advertisements appearing in Tokyo for the past two months, only 70 Japanese youths sat for examinations for admission into the Shanghai Municipal Police, held at the Foreign Office in Tokyo last Tuesday and Wednesday. There are 30 vacancies to be filled in the Japanese branch of the S.M.P., the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

Mr. Iwao Kakegawa, Assistant Commissioner of Police in the S.M.P., is now in Tokyo directing the examinations. Physical examinations were conducted on Tuesday, and written tests on Wednesday, the daily stated.

Anglo-Italian Trade Adjustments

Special to the "N.C.D.N."

Rome, Apr. 4.

The latest adjustments of the Anglo-Italian Trade Agreement were approved at today's cabinet meeting. Otherwise, there was no indication that foreign affairs had been discussed.—Reuter.

Tammany Politician Freed on Bail

Hines Gives $35,000 for Freedom Pending Appeal

New York, Apr. 4.

James Hines, former Tammany politician recently sentenced to eight years in jail for complicity in an illegal lottery organization, was released on $35,000 bail today.

Judge Peter Schmuck, of the New York State Supreme Court, authorized Hines' release until his appeal is either sustained or definitely ruled out.

Appeal Filed

The one-time Tammany Hall politician filed his appeal immediately after being found guilty on March 23.

Hines was prosecuted by Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, young District Attorney of New York, who accused him of being bribed by and protecting the gang headed by the late Dutch Schultz.—Havas.

Canada Recognizes Burgos Regime

Ottawa, Apr. 4.

It is officially announced here that Canada has recognized the Spanish Government of General Franco.—Reuter.

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Chinghai Closed To Shipping

Gen. Chiang's Orders to Meet Japanese Threat; Boom Ship Prepared

Because of the tense military situation existing along the east Chekiang coast, Chinghai, important riverport gateway to Ningpo, the most important commercial trade centre in Chekiang on which Shanghai depends for the supply of many goods will be indefinitely and completely closed to shipping commencing to-day, according to information received by shipping circles in Shanghai.

The closing of the port has been ordered by General Chiang Kai-shek and it took effect last night when the ss. Taiping especially prepared for erecting a boom was to be used. Three Shanghai foreign-owned steamers, including a German boat, which were anchored off Chinghai were to sail to Shanghai yesterday afternoon and many other Shanghai steamers have indefinitely postponed their trips to the Chekiang port.

Chinghai, it will be recalled, was partially closed to shipping many months ago for military reasons. Chinese authorities were considerate, however, since the port has important business connections with Shanghai. An opening was left for boats to proceed to the port but the threatened large-scale attacks by the Japanese forces has apparently caused the Chinese high command to make the last decision.

The other important Chekiang district now still open to Shanghai shipping is Wenchow. The opinion was freely expressed in shipping circles yesterday that it might also be completely closed and if it is closed then Shanghai will be entirely cut off from Chekiang as far as shipping business is concerned.

Recently Chinese military authorities have been engaged in helping Chinese civilians to evacuate from Ningpo and Wenchow presumably in preparation for the closing of the districts. Since the occupation of Nanchang by Japanese forces, goods from the interior destined for Shanghai and Hongkong have been piled up in the two Chekiang districts but it is learnt that during the past few days the local authorities have done their best to have them transported to their destinations.

Attempt to Cross Chientang River

The Japanese forces in Hangchow have made another futile attempt to cross the Chientang River in order to attack the Chinese forces stationed on the southern bank of the river and indicating their strong determination in attacking east Chekiang 24 war vessels are anchored along the coast now instead of only a few. 'Planes have been sent up but no bombs dropped.

The attempt, according to Chinese reports, was made on Sunday last when more than 500 Japanese soldiers tried to cross the river under cover of artillery fire. It was claimed that the Chinese forces put up strong resistance and that the Japanese were driven back.

On account of the military situation in Nanchang, Chinese military authorities have destroyed several sections of the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway in order to prevent the Japanese forces in Nanchang from driving into west Chekiang. Although at present there is no through train service between Chekiang and Kiangsi, the service is being run on a curtailed schedule between several points. Some sections of the Hunan-Kwangsi Railway have also been destroyed for military reasons.

Shanghai steamers can no longer proceed to Haimen where the Japanese have repeatedly made attempts to land. Chinese authorities have now closed the coastal district to shipping and a strong boom has been thrown cross the Chiao River which leads to Haimen.

U.S.S.R. Building Large Naval Dockyards

Fagra Island Becomes Centre of Activity

Moscow, Apr. 5.

Having announced its intention of building up a powerful navy, the Soviet Government has ordered the construction of several new naval dockyards, these constructions being actively pursued at present.

Several thousands of workers are building a large dockyard on Yagra Island, near Archangelsk. Since 1936, when the first workers reached the island, an important, town, Molotovsk, has been built up there.

The "Krasny Flot," organ of the Navy Commissariat, gave details this morning regarding the development of this town, which was raised on muddy ground amid tremendous difficulties. It was linked with firm ground by a wooden bridge 2½ kilometres in length. Barracks which will house the sailors belonging to the Northern fleet, have already been completed.—Havas.

Cherry Tree Saplings For Tazang

Representing the first consignment of a total of 30,000 cherry tree saplings which will be planted at Tazang War Memorial in the next few years, several thousand saplings arrived in Shanghai on Tuesday, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

Japanese volunteers and members of the Koyasan Buddhist Women's League will begin the planting of the young cherry trees on Thursday morning in the precincts of the War Memorial, the daily stated.

All of the 30,000 saplings will be paid for by donations of Japanese residents here, the Japanese daily said.

British Mission to Rumania

London, Apr. 4.

A British trade delegation, headed by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Commercial Advisor to the British Government, will leave for Bucharest within two weeks, Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon. This mission will seek agreement "on certain specific steps to promote trade between Great Britain and Rumania," Mr. Stanley added.—Havas.

Giant Yankee Clipper Arrives at Southampton

The giant Yankee Clipper, on its trail-blazing flight across the Atlantic as a preliminary to regular services between the United States and Britain, has arrived at Southampton. Here the plane is seen winging its way over Washington, with the Capitol building on the lower right.

Daily Stresses Importance Of Ambassador's Visit

Japanese Warned to Be Prepared for Fierce Struggle With Britain; Exploitation Denied

JAPAN should be prepared, from her standpoint of "builder of a new China", against a fierce struggle with Britain, the "Shanghai Mainichi" declared editorially yesterday in commenting on the reported forthcoming conversations between Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China.

"Whether the British attitude towards Japan will stiffen or soften as a result of the forthcoming conversations between the two British diplomats is difficult to forecast, but it can be taken for granted that the conversations will bring about an appreciable change in British attitude toward Japan", the Japanese daily remarked.

"At this juncture we should be prepared to consolidated the established principles of our continental policy, and to adopt rightful measures against any contingency", the paper continued.

"It appears that the Kuomintang Government is attempting to delude the innocent Chinese masses by declaring that the final victory will be theirs, despite the fact that the Nationalist régime is on the verge of disappearance after repeated defeats at the hands of the Japanese, in spite of its reliance upon the protection from Britain and the Soviet Union," the journal asserted.

Britain's Intentions

"The intentions of these third Powers, however, run counter to what the Gen. Chiang Kai-shek administration is expecting of them. The intentions of Britain, in particular, are set upon increasing the profits of a third party, and upon consolidating its foothold upon the China continent by letting Japan and China wear themselves down in protracted warfare. Britain has no other object than a purely utilitarian ambition to devour China for her own benefit rather than assisting the régime of Gen. Chiang. While in the eyes of the Soviet Union there is absolutely nothing, no China, no régime of Gen. Chiang's, except the Sovietization of China", the Japanese paper went on.

"Britain and the Soviet Union have been dreading the friendly co-operation between China and Japan from the outset. By interfering with Japan's policy toward China, they have been preventing Japan and China from establishing friendly relations.

"In view of all this, it is quite clear what Japan should do. It should be none other than to overthrow the Chiang Kai-shek régime or to cast a yoke around the neck of the régime, and thus to build a new order in East Asia in co-operation with the Chinese masses in Japanese-occupied territory, so as to establish a fundamental principle of an anti-British and pro-Japanese doctrine in this part of China.

"Japan's China policy should be fair and square, relinquishing all territorial designs as proclaimed in her principle of 'non-territorial ambition and non-indemnity' in seeking a solution of the present conflict. Such an abominable policy as is being pursued by Britain in India should never be introduced in China!

"Japan should not follow the lead of Britain, who has been continuing its crushing exploitation of the limitless treasure house of India by her imperialistic colonial policy, which was the cause of the Swaraj movement and other anti-British campaigns by the patriotic Hindus, which placed Britain in a very precarious position in India.

Selfish Policy Not Wanted

"We should not be tempted into a selfish policy of unilateral profits, but should adhere throughout to the realization of our ideal of co-existence, mutual prosperity and welfare with Chinese masses in occupied territory. We should march on the 'kingly way' to a realization of the great achievement of developing East Asia. It is solely for this purpose that victorious Japan has never diverted from her self-respect, otherwise she should have already destroyed British rights and interests.

"Britain, on the other hand, has been continuing her assistance to Gen. Chiang without even slightly appreciating the favour Japan has been showing her. Not only that, in view of the central European situation now being centred on Poland, Britain is planning to stiffen her attitude towards Japan.

"At this time, when the two British diplomats are going to hold conferences in Shanghai, we, the Japanese, should take no interest in the possible outcome of the Kerr-Craigie conversations, but should be prepared, from the standpoint of the builder of a new China, against a fierce struggle with Britain as well as the overthrow of the Gen. Chiang régime," the Japanese daily concluded.—Domei.

Singapore A.R.P. Makes Progress

Chinese Co-operating With Authorities for Civilian Organization

Singapore, Apr. 4.

Singapore is making rapid advances in precautions for the civil population against attacks by air or sea. The importance of A.R.P. to the civil population has been greatly increased because of the decision that, in wartime, no civilians would be evacuated from Singapore Island to the mainland. Camps in the rural areas of the island, to accommodate the thousands of Chinese and other Asiatics from the congested areas, have been proposed instead.

The Chinese are co-operating smoothly with the authorities in preparing for an emergency.

Singapore's six air raid warning sirens will arrive shortly and will be mounted on police, fire brigade and other prominent buildings in the city. Their installation will mark a big step forward in local preparations for air raids and bombardments. With the lessons learned in the last two black-outs, it will be possible to sound the sirens for surprise practices without previous notice. This will put to a real test public discipline and preparedness to co-operate with the defence forces of the island.

The warning sirens, each with a sound radius of over two miles, will be so placed as to "cover" the whole city area.

Splinter Proof Helmets

More consignments of sandbags are arriving weekly from England, and fresh consignments of splinter-proof helmets for air-raid wardens, first-aid men, decontamination squads, auxiliary fire-fighters and the police, will arrive in batches of 500. Fire-fighting equipment to treble that of the existing fire brigade equipment is also on order.

The training of Singapore's air-raid wardens is making big strides. "We are aiming at 2,000 wardens for this city," said Mr. Edwin Tongue, Singapore's Director of A.R.P. One thousand have enrolled since the first appeal was issued about three months ago. Practically all the wardens are Chinese British subjects.

An unusual feature of A.R.P. in Singapore is that all propaganda material has to be published in Chinese, Malay, Tamil and English, because of the cosmopolitan character of the population.—Reuter.

Anti-British Meeting Held at Kaifeng

Demonstration Against Aid to Gen. Chiang

Kaifeng, Apr. 5.

Five thousand persons yesterday afternoon took part in an anti-British mass meeting and demonstration here.

Resolutions denouncing British assistance to the regime of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek as being detrimental to the peace of the Far East were adopted at the meeting. Copies of the manifesto were cabled to Mr. Hachiro Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, and the mayors of principal cities within the jurisdiction of the "Provisional" and "Reformed" Governments.

More than 20 men and women orators addressed the mass meeting held at the People's Theater when they assailed the British loan of £5,000,000 for the support of Nationalist currency. The driving out of British influence from the Far East was advocated by the speakers.

A demonstration was subsequently staged in the streets of Kaifeng.—Domei.

Burgos Disbanding War Offices

Burgos, Apr. 4.

The Spanish Government issued an official bulletin today ordering the demobilization and demilitarization of the various war Ministry offices within 90 days. The order will return to civilian life hundreds of Spaniards now serving in the expanded wartime personnel of the Nationalist War Ministry.—United Press.

Another U.S. Protest Over Bombing

Peiping, Apr. 4.

For the fourth time within a fortnight, the United States Embassy today protested to the Japanese authorities against the bombing of American property in China by Japanese war 'planes. The protest this time referred to the bombing of the American Catholic Mission at Loting on February 25, when the building was badly damaged, and an American father wounded.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires Police Seize Nazi Papers

German Bank and Brown House Searched

Buenos Aires, Apr. 4.

Alfred Muller, Chief of the Nazis in Argentina, admitted today that he had signed the document that contained information on alleged Nazi plans to annex Patagonia. He denied having written this document, which has caused a great deal of disturbance here.

Police searched a German bank and two branches of the German Front here today and seized several important documents.

Herr Hans Ertl, well-known in the Reich's moving picture industry, was arrested today on his return from Patagonia, but was set at liberty after a short while.

Proceeding with their inquiry, the authorities seized documents written in German, and held by several officials. They also searched the local Brown House, headquarters of the Nazi organization, and the homes of several Nazis suspected of espionage. More documents were seized in the course of these activities.—Havas.

Spanish Republicans Arrive in England

British Destroyer, Hospital Ship Bring Leaders

London, Apr. 4.

General Segismundo Casado, other members of the former Spanish Republican Defence Junta, General Menendez, former chief of the Army of the Levant, members of the National Committee of the Anarcho-Syndicalist Union, and 200 other civil and military personages, arrived here this evening.

They have come to England under the protection of the National Joint Committee for Spanish Relief which is stated to have accepted responsibility for their temporary maintenance here, pending their permanent settlement abroad.

The Republican refugees travelled from Spain to Marseilles in the British hospital ship Maine. They embarked at Gandia last Thursday in the British destroyer Galatea.—Reuter.

35 Arab Suspects Held In Jerusalem

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Jerusalem, Apr. 4.

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U.S. Army and Navy Rush Programmes

New Aircraft Carrier Launched; More Combat Planes to Be Ordered

Washington, Apr. 4.

President Roosevelt's $2,000,000,000 national defence programme aimed against Totalitarian penetration in the Western Hemisphere moved forward swiftly today as the Army prepared to bring its Air Corps up to 5,500 planes coincident with the launching of the fiftieth warship in the Navy's rearmament programme.

The War Department announced it was aiming to obtain delivery of planes under the new defence appropriation bill within two years, bringing the Air Force to its greatest strength in history. Orders already placed are for the fastest available new types of fighting planes capable of flying 400 miles per hour.

The Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Louis Johnson, said additional contracts for 550 combat planes would be let as soon as President Roosevelt has signed the Army Appropriations Bill.

Amid tooting tugs and cheers from thousands of spectators, the new aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Wasp, was launched at Quincy, Mass. where Mrs. Charles Edison, wife of the Assistant Secretary of Navy, smashed a bottle of champagne against the prow of the 14,700-ton warship.

Navy Planes Crash

The launching was marred by a fatal crash between two Navy Reserve planes which were diving over the Wasp during the ceremony. Just at the moment Mrs. Edison was smashing the champagne against the aircraft carrier, the two planes locked wings in mid-air and later crashed a mile apart. One plane went down in flames.

Three of the four occupants of the two planes were burned to death. One jumped to apparent safety but his parachute failed to open. His mangled body was found in a field.

Base Commander Michael Kernodle expressed his belief that the four men sacrificed their lives to avoid endangering the lives of hundreds witnessing the launching ceremonies. They had plenty of time to use their parachutes and jump to safety, he said, but they "stood by their ships in the finest naval tradition" to prevent the planes from crashing on the crowd.

Meanwhile, attention was attracted here to reports from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, where the Congressional air mission is investigating Navy Department proposals for a new major naval base in the Carribean.

The reports said the St. Thomas "Daily News" had quoted Mr. Melvin Maas, Republican Representative of Michigan and member of the House Naval Affairs Committee, as having said that the U. S. naval air base at St. Thomas would soon be doubled in size. The Congressional investigation party is touring the Carribean in one of the Navy's giant "flying destroyers."—United Press.

Slovak Leaders to Go To Berlin

Bratislava, Apr. 4.

The Slovak Premier, Dr. Joseph Tiso, and the Foreign Minister, Dr. Ferdinand Durcanski, left for Berlin today upon Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's especial invitation.—Havas.

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President of Mexico Expels Fascist Leaders

1,000 Workers Participate in Anti-Fascist Demonstration

Mexico City, Apr. 4.

General Lazaro Cardenas, the President, today ordered the expulsion from Mexico of three Falange (Fascist) leaders.

The President, it is learned, has informed Spanish Fascists who are active in Mexico that they cannot organize in Mexico a movement which they are said to be attempting, with the object of allying Latin America "in a political and military sense" with General Franco. A congressional bloc, it is further learned, earlier requested the expulsion of the leaders of the movement, as "pernicious foreigners."

A thousand or so workers today took part in an anti-Fascist demonstration here, smashing the windows of the Spanish Casino. Two hundred police were called out, and they dispersed the demonstrators. Five persons were injured.

The Federation of Mexican Workers today issued a statement declaring that the Fascists were "planning an attack on Mexico from Guatemala."—Reuter.

Spanish War Air Ace Killed

Madrid, Apr. 4.

Fate played a cruel trick today on Major Garcia Morato who lived through daring aerial exploits as an ace in the Spanish Nationalist air force only to be killed in a crash near here less than two weeks after the return of peace to his native land. Major Morato was killed when his plane crashed at Grinon, a few miles from here. The cause of the fatal accident has not yet been determined.—United Press.

Yankee Clipper at Southampton

Southampton, Apr. 4.

The Pan-American Airways' Yankee Clipper arrived here today at 10.33 a.m. (E.S.T.) from Marseilles, completing the first commercial trans-Atlantic plane flight with 21 passengers aboard. The plane took off from Baltimore, Md., stopping over at the Azores, Lisbon and Marseilles en route to Southampton.—United Press.

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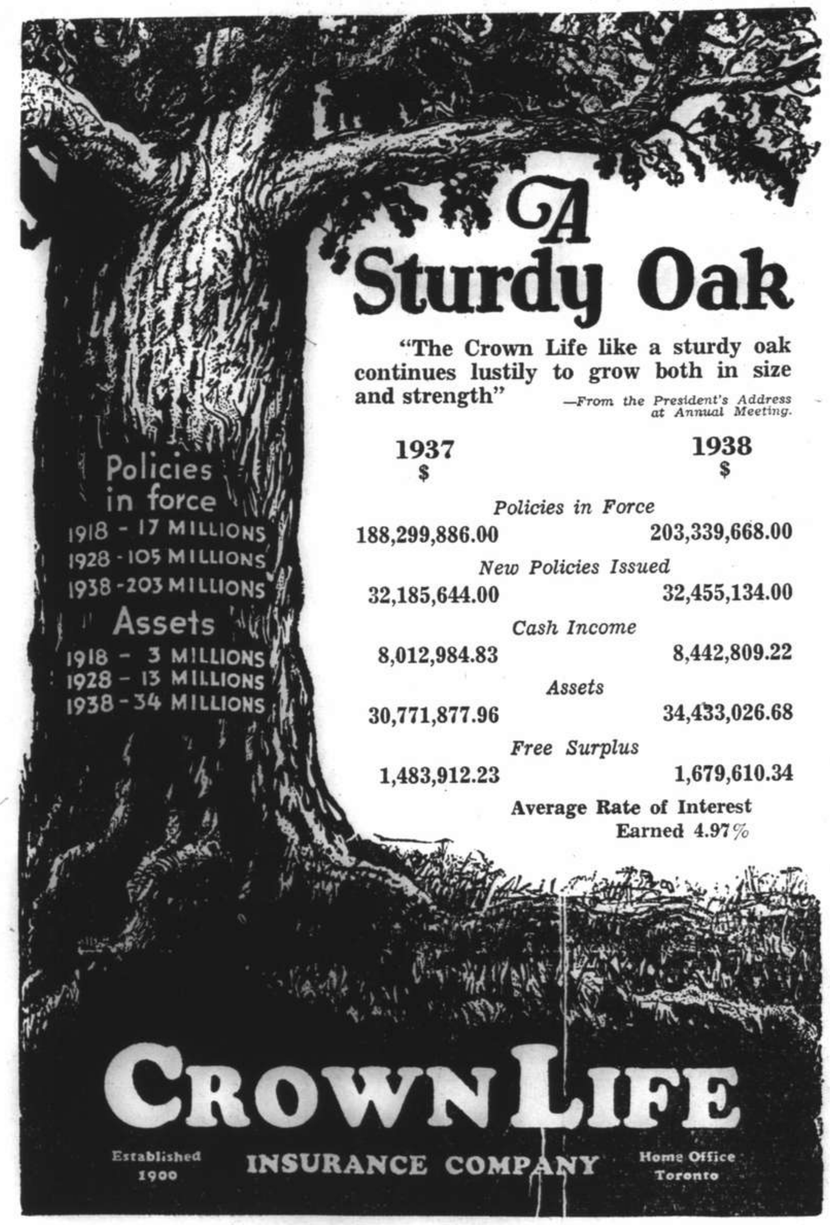

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It was reported there were small bear covering and Indian buying. Speculators sold. Market quietly steady. After the official fixing the market remained quietly steady.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 7/32 sterling and 16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was again quiet and without much movement. The opening and closing rates were the same at:—

8¼	sterling	16 1/16	U.S.$	Cash
8 1/8	"	16 1/16	"	Apr.
8 1/8	"	16 3/32	"	May
8 7/32	"	15 31/32	"	June

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:		Apr. 4.
Japan	78 1/2	
New York	236 3/8	
Shanghai	49 1/4	
Hongkong	85 1/4	
London		1/5 3/32
2 mths		
" (sellers)		1/5 3/32
" (buyers)		1/5 5/32

London £ T. T. on:			
New York	468.18	Berne	20.87
Paris	176.75	Shanghai	8 3/8 d N
Berlin	11.66 1/2	Bombay	1/5 1/4
Amsterdam	8.83	Hongkong	1/2 1/8
Brussels	27.81	Singapore	2/3 1/2
Madrid	42.25	Yokohama	1/2
Milan	89.00	" (Buying)	Unq.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:			
Berlin	40.11	Brazil	5.90
Spain	Unq.	Japan	27.32
Holland	53.09	Shanghai	16.18
Paris	2.64 1/2	Austria	Unq.
Brussels	16.83	C'slovakia	"
Italy	5.26 1/4	Hungary	19.80
S'zerland	22.43	Rumania	0.72 1/2
Sweden	24.13	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Norway	23.52 1/2	Greece	0.86
Denmark	20.90	Bulgaria	1.20
Montreal	99.635	Finland	2.07
Brazil	5.90	Poland	18.87 1/2
London			4.68 7/8
" Demand			4.68 1/2
" Bankers' 60 days bills			4.67 3/4
" Commercial 60 days bills			4.67 1/2
Buenos Aires, Paper			29.04
" " Market Rate			23.20
Montreal on London			4.70
			—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:	Apr. 4.
Fine Bank Bills, 3 months	1 7/8%
Bank Bills, 6 months	1 11/16%
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months	3%
" " 6 months	3 3/4%
Call Money	0 1/2%
New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/2%B 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 5/8%B 0 1/2%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

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Balatoc	8.00	8.80
Batong Buhay	.017	.017
Benguet Consolidated	11.70	11.90
Big Wedge	.29	.30
Coco Grove	.36	.37
Demonstration	.14	.145
I X L	—	.55
Masbate	.135	.135
North Camarines	.54	.54
San Mauricio	1.88	1.88
Surigao Con., Com.	.21	.22
Surigao Con. Vot. Trust	.17	.17
Suyoc	.175	.18
United Paracale	.64	.66

Turnover: 322,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (closing prices) 104.34.
—Reuter.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Apr. 4.

Foreign stock counters were marked by irregularity today and because of the imminent closure of the Bourse for the Easter holidays, operators proceeded to unload their holdings today. As a result, early quotations were weighted down and as there were very few transactions later in the day, closing-time found most stocks at lower levels than this morning.—Havas.

Salary Tax Bill Approved

Washington, Apr. 4.

The Senate today approved and sent into conference a bill providing reciprocal taxation on Federal and state employe salaries on the principle recently upheld by the Supreme Court.—United Press.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

A demand for Omnibuses and Trams and slight easiness in Ewos featured the half-day session. Omnibuses were in demand at $25.00, a new high level for the year. Both the transportation companies are reported to be carrying a record volume of passengers in spite of their vehicles not operating North of the Creek. Ewos were dealt in largely with continued profit-taking meeting new investment buying. The market closed steady with buyers at $20.10 and sellers at $20.20.

Rubber shares were again dull and inactive.

Official Averages

1939 High	1939 Low	Today's Averages	Changes
154.51	105.32	General 141.34	—0.11
152.40	95.56	Rubbers 143.23 1/2	—0.01 1/2

Total 48,070 shares, 166 bonds.

Morning Session

$10,000	S'hai Power 5 1/2% Debs.	$ 91.50
$5,000	S'hai Power 5 1/2% Debs.	91.75
$1,000	S'hai Telephone 6% Debs.	96.00
14,000	Kelantan	0.38
3,000	Kroewoek	1.23
2,000	Kroewoek	1.24
3,000	Cheng	0.46
600	Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.00
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.90
10	S'hai Power (Pref)	128.50
1,000	Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.00
4,200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.90
500	Kaiping	25.25
1,000	Tram (Bearer) £1	40.25
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.90
1,500	S'hai Loan	6.10
350	S'hai Gas	10.00
1,000	S'hai Land	8.70
2,500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.00
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.90
6,400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.00
40	S'hai Power (Pref)	128.50
1,000	S'hai Loan	6.10
500	S'hai Land	8.75
2,000	Exploration	8.15
500	Kaiping	25.25
200	Wheelock	35.00
1,300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	20.10
500	Metal Ind. of China	5.85

ODD LOTS

G$300	Gold $ Bonds 5%	G$ 62.25
50	Tram (Bearer) £1	40.00
20	S'hai Dock	103.50

London Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 4.

Maintenance of the Cable & Wireless dividend at four per cent. was the main feature on the Stock Exchange today, causing Cable & Wireless ordinary stock to advance from 43¼ to 46¼.

The general trend early in the session was downward, apart from industrials and rails, which were sustained by better unemployment returns. British giltedged securities, after being easier, rallied, while Kaffirs closed steady, although slightly lower.—Reuter.

	Apr. 3	4
War Loan 3 1/2% (Red.)	£95 3/4	95 1/2

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	38 1/4	38
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	44	43 3/4

Osaka, Apr. 5.

Kogo 5%	Y.103.83

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	18/6	18/6
Armstrong Stevens	7/6	7/6
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	40/6	40/6
Austin Motors, ord.	32/6	32 1/4
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	21/6	21/6
British American Tob.	97/6	95/7 1/2
Cable & W., new form	43 1/4	46 1/4
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/6	8/4 1/2
Courtaulds	25/3	25/-
Distillers	91/-	90/6
Dunlop Rubber	26/9	26/3
General Elec. (Eng.)	77/6	77/6
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	100/-	100/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	20/4 1/2	20/3
Imp. Chem. Indus.	30/-	29/9
Imp. Tobacco	132/6	129/4 1/2
Leyland Motors	88/9	88/9
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	58/10 1/2	57/9
Pressed Steel, com.	16/10 1/2	16/4 1/2
Rolls-Royce	107/6	107/6
Smethwick Drop Forgings	15/9	15/9
Tate & Lyle	60/-	59/10 1/2
Turner & Newall	77/6	76/10 1/2
United Steel	23/10 1/2	23/6
Vickers, ord.	22/1 1/2	21/7 1/2
Woolworths	60/7 1/2	60/-

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	24/3	24/4 1/2
Rubber Pltn. Inv.	27/6	27/3

MINES

Burma Corp.	8/3*	8/3
Commonwealth Min.	1/1 1/2	1/1 1/2
Marsman Invest.	14/4 1/2	13/3
Randfontein Ests.	35/7 1/2	35/-
Sub-Nigel	220/-	220/-
Tanami Gold Min.	3d.	3d.
Western Holdings	9/7 1/2	9/-

OILS

Anglo Iranian	85/-	84/4 1/2
Burmah	81/3	80/-
Mexican Eagle	7/1 1/2	6/7 1/2
Shell Trans. & Trad.	84/4 1/2	82/6

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898	£70 1/2	70 1/2
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	66	66
4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan	60	60
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	37 1/2	37 1/2
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	51 1/2	51 1/2
5% Stg. Notes, 1925	16 1/2	16 1/2
5% Honan Rly., 1905	22	22
5% Hukuang Rly., 1913	23	23
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	20 1/2	20 1/2
5% Lung-Tsing U. H. Rly.	18	18
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	26	26
5% T'sin-Pukow Rly. B.	17 1/2	17 1/2
5% " " G.	17 1/2	17 1/2
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	17 1/2	17 1/2
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	17 1/2	17 1/2
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	19 1/2	19 1/2
5% S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19 1/2 N	19 1/2 N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30 1/2	30 1/2
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8 3/8	8 3/8
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	84	84 1/2
" " (Col. Reg.)	85	85 1/2
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/9	17/6
Chosen Corp.	6/-	6/-
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	18/9	18/9

N—Nominal.

British Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 4.

Commodities generally ruled quiet and featureless.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 7 1/8 —1/8; sellers 8 —1/8. May del. buyers 7 1/8 —1/8; sellers 8 —1/8.

London Sugar (Buyers) May 6/5 3/4 —1/4; Aug. 6/5, unc. Dec. 6/1 3/4 —1/4.

Liverpool Wheat: May 4/3 5/8 —1/8; July (N.C.) 4/3 3/8 unc; Oct. (N.C.) 4/5 1/4 +1/8.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: May 4.62 +8; July 4.43 +5; Oct. 4.46 +4; Jan. 4.37 +3. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract. May 6.55 —1; July 6.63 unc; Sept. 6.63 unc; Oct. 6.70 unc.

London Metals: Copper, Standard, cash, sellers £42 15/16 —7/16; 3 mths del. sellers £43 1/4 —3/8. Electrolytic buyers £48 1/4 —1/4; sellers £49 1/4 —1/4. Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £215 1/4 —1 1/4; 3 mths del. sellers £214 —1 1/4. Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £14 1/4 —1/4; 3 mths del. sellers £14 1/2 —1/4. Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £13 1/8 —1/4; 3 mths del. sellers £13 7/16 —1/8.—Reuter.

Rubber Outputs for March

	lb.
Anglo-Dutch (Java) Plant., Ltd.	130,953
Anglo-Java Estates, Ltd.	294,975
Java Consolidated Rubber & Coffee Estates, Ltd.	47,840
Kroewoek (Java) Plant., Ltd.	95,459
Ziangbe Rubber Co., Ltd.	93,256

New York Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Apr. 4.

Stock prices today dipped sharply in the first half of the session owing to the recrudescence of fears regarding the European political situation and the market penetrated the year's low in moderately active trading. Subsequently, most sections partially rallied on light volume and the market closed above the day's lowest levels, but the undertone remained uncertain and sentiment unsettled. Talk of the deterioration of the domestic business outlook as a result of the current uncertainties was increasingly prevalent, and major news or developments of a favourable character were considered essential to any important recovery from the present area. The turnover totalled 1,530,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	131.09	127.16	129.80	—2.45
20 Rails	27.00	26.02	26.71	—0.56
15 Utilit.	22.17	21.50	21.99	—0.71
40 Bonds	—	—	86.75	—0.34
11 Commod.	—	—	47.00	—0.14

	Apr. 3	4
Adams Express	7 3/8	7 1/2
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	17 5/8	16 7/8
Allied Stores	8	7 3/4
Allis Chalmers	35 1/4	33 3/4
Amerada Corp.	57	57
Amer. Can	87	85
Amer. & For. Power	2 1/2	2 1/2
" " $7 pfd.	15 1/8	14 3/4
Amer. Gas & Elec.	34 7/8	33 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	18 5/8	17 3/4
Amer. Metal	30 1/4	28 3/4
Amer. Radiator	12 1/4	
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 3/4	14
Amer. Smelting	38 1/2	38 1/4
Amer. Sugar Refining	17 1/2	—
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	155 1/2	154 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	83 3/8	81
Amer. Waterworks	9 3/4	9 3/8
Anaconda Copper	25	23 7/8
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	29 1/4	27 5/8
Auburn	3	—
Baltimore & Ohio	5 3/4	5 1/4
Barber Asphalt Corp.	13 3/4	13 1/4
Barnsdall Oil Co.	14 1/4	13 7/8
Bendix Aviation	20 3/8	20 1/8
Bethlehem Steel	62 1/2	59 7/8
Boeing Airplane Co.	22 3/8	21
Borg Warner	23 3/8	23
Briggs Mfg. Co.	21 5/8	20 3/4
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	9	9
" $6 cum. pfd.	33	31
Can. Pacific Rly.	4 1/4	4
Case, J.I.	74 7/8	70 1/2
Celanese Corp.	16 7/8	16
Chase Nat. Bank	B 29 3/4	B 29 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	33 1/4	32 1/8
Chrysler	68 1/2	65 7/8
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6 3/8	6 1/4
" 6% "A" pfd.	84 1/2	81 7/8
Coml. Credit	48	47 1/2
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1 3/8	1 3/8
" $6 cum. pfd.	53 1/2	52
Consolid. Edison	30 1/4	30 1/4
Consolid. Oil	8	7 7/8
Continental Can	37 5/8	35
Continental Oil	24	24 1/4
Corn Products	*62 3/8	59 5/8
Curtiss Wright (com.)	5 1/4	5 1/4
" " "A"	22 1/4	22
Deere & Co.	18 1/2	17 7/8
Distillers Corp.	17 1/2	17 1/4
Douglas Aircraft	60 1/4	60 3/8
Du Pont de Nemours	139	137 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	9	8 3/8
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	20 3/8	19 1/2
Elec. Auto Lite	29 1/2	28 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	8 5/8	8 1/8
" $5 pfd.	56 1/2	57
" $6 pfd.	67 3/4	66
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	28 1/4	27
Flintkote	20 3/4	20 5/8
Food Machinery Corp.	23 1/2	22
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	46 1/4	45 3/4
Gen. Elec.	35 1/2	34 1/2
Gen. Motors	42 5/8	41 5/8
Gen. Rly. Signal	16 1/2	16
Glidden Co.	17 1/8	16 1/4
Goodrich (B.F.)	17	16 3/8
" $5 pfd.	62 1/2	—
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	26 1/2	26 3/8
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	13 1/2	13 1/8
Great Nthrn. Rly.	21 1/2	20 1/4
Great Western Sugar	25 1/4	25 1/4
Greyhound Corp.	17 3/4	17 1/4
Hecker Products	10	9 5/8
Homestake Min.	62 1/4	61 3/4
Indus. Rayon	20 1/4	20
Int. Harvester	53	53 1/2
Int. Nickel	48	46 3/8
Int. Tel. & Tel.	7 5/8	7 1/8
Johns Manville	73 3/4	72
Jones & Laughlin	41 1/2	B 38
Kennecott	32 3/4	31 5/8
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	44	42 3/4
Lockheed Aircraft	25 1/4	25 1/4
Loew's Inc.	40	39
Manhattan Shirt Co.	—	—
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	33	32 3/8
McKesson & Rob.	10 3/4	11 1/2
Monsanto Chemical	93	88
Montgomery Ward	45 7/8	45 3/4
Nat. City Bank	B 22 3/4	B 23
Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2	14
Nat. Distillers	25	25
Nat. Gypsum	12 1/4	11 7/8
Nat. Lead	20 1/4	20 1/4
Nat. Power & Lt.	7 7/8	7 1/2
Nat. Steel Corp.	64 3/4	62 1/2
Nat. Supply Co.	8 3/4	8 5/8
New York Central	15 5/8	14 3/4
Niagara Hudson Power	7	6 5/8
North Amer. Aviation	15	15 1/4
North Amer. Co.	21 1/4	20 5/8
Northern Pacific	9 3/8	8 7/8
Pacific Gas & Elec.	30 3/8	30
Pacific Lighting	45 1/2	43 1/2
Packard Motors	3 3/8	3 3/8
Paramount Pictures Inc.	—	8 1/4
Pennsylvania R.R.	19	18 1/4
Phelps Dodge	33 1/4	31 3/4
Phillips Petroleum	34 1/2	34 3/8
Public Serv. of N.J.	33 1/2	33
Pullman, Inc.	27	26 1/2
Pure Oil	8 1/8	7 3/4
Radio Corp. of Amer.	6 1/4	6 1/8
Republic Steel Co.	16 3/4	16 1/4
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38	37 3/4
Richfield Oil Corp.	7 5/8	7 1/4
Safeway Stores	31 1/4	31 1/2
Schenley	13 7/8	13 5/8
" 5% pfd.	—	71
Sears Roebuck	67 1/2	66 3/4
Shell Union Oil	12 1/4	11 1/2
Socony-Vacuum	11 1/2	11 3/4
Sthrn. Pacific	13 5/8	13 1/8
Sthrn. Rly. 5% pfd.	—	21
Sperry Corp.	39 1/4	37 1/2
Stand. Brands	6 1/4	6 1/4
Stand. Gas & Elec.	2 7/8	2 3/4
Stand. Oil of Calif.	26 1/2	26 1/4
Stand. Oil of N.J.	46 1/4	45 1/2
Stone & Webster	11 1/8	10 5/8
Swift International	27	26 3/8
Technicolor	15 1/2	16 3/8
Texas Corp.	39 1/8	38 1/4
Texas Gulf Sulphur	28	28
Transamerica	6 3/8	6 1/4
Tw. Century Fox Film,	20	19 1/4
" " pfd.	—	29 1/2
Un. Carbide & Carbon	73 1/2	73
Un. Pacific	93 1/2	93
Un. Aircraft	35	35
Un. Air Lines Trans.	10	9 1/2
Un. Corp.	2 3/4	2 1/2
" $3 cum. pfd.	33	33 1/2
Un. Gas Corp.	2 1/4	2 1/8
Un. Gas Improvement	11 7/8	11 1/2
U. S. Rubber	37 3/4	37 1/2
" 8% pfd.	93	94
U. S. Steel	51 3/4	50
Vanadium	19 3/4	19 7/8
Warner Bros. Picts.	5 1/8	4 3/4
Westinghouse Elec.	92 1/2	91 1/2
Woodward Iron	16 1/2	16 1/4

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	55	54 1/8
Brazil	18	17 3/8
Baltimore & Ohio	18 3/4	18
Cities Serv. Pwr.	80 1/4	78 3/4
Erie R.R.	10	9 7/8
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	65 1/8	65
Minas Geraes	12	B 10 1/2
New England Gas & Elec.	65	64 1/2
Peru	10 1/2	10
Rio Grande do Sul	B 10 1/2	B 10 1/2
Sao Paulo	B 11	B 9 7/8
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	47 3/4	46 3/8
Stand. Gas & Elec.	61 1/4	59

WEEKLY CLOSING STOCK

	Mar. 28	Apr. 4
Air Associates	B 7 1/2	6 7/8
Alaska Juneau	**8 5/8	8 1/8
Amer. Brake Shoe & Fdry.	40	34 1/2
Ass. Gas & Elec. $5 pfd.	9	7
Atlan. Gulf & W. Ind.	B 13	B 11
Atlantic Refining	20 1/2	19 1/2
Atlas Corp.	7 3/4	7 3/8
Baltimore & Ohio $4 pfd.	7 1/2	6 3/4
Bank of Amer.	B 34 1/2	B 33 1/4
Borden Co.	19	17 7/8
Chesapeake Corp.	21 1/4	19
Chic. & North Western	B 0 1/2	0 3/8
Coml. Solvents	11	10 3/8
Consumers Pwr. $4.50 pfd.	B 96 1/4	96 1/8
Corn Products 7% pfd.	175	B 171
Coty Inc.	5 3/4	5 1/4
Crane Co.	26 3/4	24 1/4
Delaware & Hudson	19 3/4	18 1/2
Dist. Corp. Seagrams	B 84 1/4	B 83
Elec. Boat Co.	11 1/2	10
Elec. Power & Lt.	8 7/8	7 7/8
Elec. Storage Battery	B 26	25 1/2
Freeport Sulphur	21 1/4	20 3/4
Gen. Cigar	B 29 3/4	21 3/4
Gen. Foods	41 3/4	40 1/2
Gen. Mills	80 3/4	77 3/4
Granby Consolid. Mining	6 1/2	5 1/8
Int. Dept. Stores	11 5/8	10 1/4
Lorillard	22	21 3/4
Masonite Corp.	48	42
Mountain City Copper	5	4
Mueller Brass	23	18 1/2
Nash Kelvinator	7	6 3/8
Nat. Power & Lt.	7 7/16	B 7/2
Patino Mines	10 3/8	9 3/4
Sthrn. Cal. Edison	26 3/4	24 1/2
Sthrn. Rly., com.	17 3/8	14 5/8
Sterling Prods.	73	67 1/4
Texas Pacific Land	7 5/8	7
Tidewater Ass. Oil	13	12 1/2
Timken Detroit Axle	14 7/8	12 1/4
Un. Biscuit	17	17 1/2
Un. Light & Power "A"	2 1/8	1 7/8
U. S. Pipe & Fdry.	41 3/4	39 3/4
U. S. Realty & Imp.	4 3/4	4 1/4
U. S. Smelt. Ref.	**56 1/8	51 3/4
Westinghouse Air Brakes	*22 1/2	20 1/8
Yellow Truck & Coach "B"	16 5/8	14 1/8
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	41 3/4	35 1/2

WEEKLY CLOSING BONDS

	Mar. 27	Apr. 3
Anglo-Chilean Nitrate Corp.	24	B 21
Argentine	78 1/4	77 7/8
Bethlehem Steel	103 1/2	103 1/4
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	75 1/8	72 1/2
Chic., Milwaukee, St.	9	7 3/4
Columbia Gas & Elec.	101 3/8	99 7/8
Denver & Rio Grande	B 12 1/8	B 9
Elec. Power & Lt.	73 5/8	71
Mortgage Bank	25 1/2	B 26
Nat. Power & Lt.	96	95
" Dec.	100 1/4	100
New England Power	97	94
New York Chic.	B 69	B 61
Oklahoma	105 3/4	106
Oslo	100 3/8	B 100 1/8
Republic of Colmobia	24 1/2	24
Republic Steel	93 1/4	90 1/2
Sthrn. Rly.	71 1/2	65

B—Bid *—Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices today dropped to the lowest levels of the year. The entire market conformed with the war scare pattern, with bonds weak, wheat and sugar firm and the other commodities lower. Traders were nervous, with the trading volume the second largest in the present year. Prices touched their lowest point in mid-afternoon, after which the volume slackened and prices advanced slightly from the lows as the result of a rumour that good news would be forthcoming after the close. The nervousness hinged on the Italian-Albanian situation. Reports of heavy foreign selling here caused a canvass of the leading foreign houses, which divulged only routine operations on behalf of Europeans.

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

The wholesale unloading of stocks was mainly for domestic account. While the first uneasiness was undoubtedly due to the German violation of the Munich agreement, it is questionable whether the market would have caved in so completely had Spring conditions equalled expectations.

Fears concerning the trend in the second quarter must be weighed, appraising the importance of the drastic letdown in equity values. Apprehension has increased as business activity failed to record the normal seasonal improvement.

Fundamentally, the current lack of a dynamic business recovery as much as the war scare accounts for the fresh survey of the market outlook.

The motor industry reports a decline in production and well-informed authorities expect the beginning of curtailed operations. The contemplated reduction of production rather reflects determination to control inventories. Retail sales of the major motor companies have climbed steadily since Christmas and as yet the buying buyer has not shot its bolt.

The situation is different from 1937, and the conservative production programmes of the major industries bid fair to prevent necessitous inventory liquidation and the present readjustment is rather a letdown than a radical depression.

Earning power is likely to be affected by restricted production but a total eclipse is improbable. Excess reserves total near four billions of dollars, and unless one believes in pandemonium, it is hard to see how cash can be preferable to equities in a business revival only ten months old.

Barron's weekly price index, adjusted for trend, is placed at 72.5.

N. Y. Market Follows War Scare

New York, Apr. 4.

New York markets conformed to the war scare pattern today with prices on the New York Stock Exchange reaching the year's lows while bonds were weak.

Trading was the second largest of the year as prices broke from one to five points. The market was weak until mid-afternoon when volume slackened and the market recovered slightly. The recovery was induced largely by the rumour that some good news would follow soon. Practically all leaders reached new lows in a year or longer, however.

U. S. Steel touched a new low by dropping 3½ points but later recovered two points. Bethlehem fell 4⅞ points, Chrysler 4⅜ and International Business machine 9.

Coppers also reached new lows but Mr. M. F. H. Brownell, chairman of the American Smelting Corp., told company stockholders that copper should recover soon.

Many leaders made late recoveries but finished with net losses.

Wall Street hears that some analysts advise the purchase of building shares. Anaconda first quarter earnings may be $1.80 per share and Kennecott $2.68. Some experts believe the bear side has gained too many adherents.

Favourable market factors today included:

1. Most first quarter corporate reports are expected to show a good gain.
2. The sharp rise in shipbuilding
3. Inventories in some lines are nearing depletion.
4. The Army Air Corps is acquiring more planes.

Among the unfavourable factors were these:

1. The unfavourable international situation.
2. Penetration on the pre-Munich lows which is regarded bearishly.
3. The weakness of domestic copper
4. Indications that car loadings will dip.—United Press.

U. S. Warned Against Cornering Gold

Washington, Apr. 4.

Mr. Percy H. Johnston, prominent New York banker, told the special Senate Silver Committee today that eventually the United States may come into possession of all the gold in the world.

"Just like in a poker game," he said, "we will have won all the money. The other fellow won't have any more money so the game will be over."

He vigorously opposed the Administration's silver purchase programme and said the Government had spent more than $1,000,000,000 to purchase silver.

Senator William King, Democrat of Utah and a silver-bloc supporter, interrupted the testimony by angrily grabbing his hat and leaving the committee room. "I'm not interested in that sort of stuff," he said.—United Press.

U. S. Steel Mill Operations

New York, Apr. 3.

The American Iron and Steel Institute in its weekly report places steel mill activity for the week commencing April 3 at 54.7 per cent. of capacity.

This represents a loss of 1.4 per cent. of capacity from the previous week but a gain of 22.1 per cent. of capacity over the corresponding period of last year.—Reuter.

U. S. Steel Hopeful About Outlook

Hoboken, N.

Municipal Council Honours Brig.-Gen. Macnaghten

High Compliment Paid to Retiring Vice-Chairman; Confidence Expressed in Shanghai's Future

A DINNER was given at the Cathay Hotel on Tuesday night, by the Shanghai Municipal Council in honour of Brigadier-General E. B. Macnaghten, C.M.G., D.S.O., the retiring Vice-Chairman of Council. Among those present were a number of ex-Councillors who served on the Council with Brig.-Gen. Macnaghten, members of the present Council and a number of Municipal officials with whose work Brig.-Gen. Macnaghten has been closely associated. There were present Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, (Vice Chairman of Council), Mr. C. S. Franklin (Chairman of Council), Mr. H. E. Arnhold, Mr. J. W. Carney, Mr. T. Funatsu, Mr. W. P. Lambe, Mr. J. H. Liddell, Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. A. C. Cornish, Mr. W. Gockson, Mr. Yulin Hsi, Mr. W. J. Keswick, Mr. E. Y. B. Kiang, Mr. R. G. MacDonald, Mr. F. N. Matthews, Mrs. G. E. Mitchell, Mr. O. Okamoto, Mr. T. Sugisaka, Mr. Yu Ya-ching, Mr. L. T. Yuan, Major J. T. Ford, O.B.E., Dr. J. H. Jordan, Major K. M. Bourne, M.C., Mr. A. F. Gimson, Mr. V. H. Bourne, and Mr. G. Godfrey Phillips.

In proposing General Macnaghten's health, Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of Council, stated that he felt that it was meet and right that his colleagues and friends had assembled to do honour to their guest. He described General Macnaghten as a keen sportsman and a real humanitarian who had an abiding interest in his fellowmen irrespective of race, colour or creed. He knew no more public-spirited citizen in Shanghai. To his non-British colleagues, General Macnaghten always seemed the best type of representative of the British Empire. As long as the coming generation were as ready to do their duty as was General Macnaghten, the British people might feel confidence in their future.

General Macnaghten in reply said: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, on the conclusion of the Great War, many men of all nationalities sat back with a sigh of relief, threw their khaki into the dustbin, and exclaimed 'Thank God! there's an end to all that.'

When I descend from the rostrum and make my bow to public life in Shanghai at the conclusion of the ratepayers' meeting on the 19th, I shall do no such thing! I shall certainly not throw my top hat or my morning coat into a municipal dustbin. The top hat was created by White of Jermyn Street and my morning coat in Sackville Street, and both, though old are still in a good state of preservation. Nobody of Scottish descent would ever commit such an extravagant act whatever the state of his feelings!

"But, gentlemen, my feelings will be very different I shall sing 'Goodbye' to my public life in Shanghai with very sincere and very genuine regret—mindful, as I shall be, of the very great kindness that Shanghai has always meted out to me.

Shanghai Will Weather Storm

"It was in 1926 that I first joined the Council and sat at the feet of the present Secretary-General then Chairman—for whose ability and sound commonsense I have always had the profoundest admiration, and under whose guidance I was initiate into Council procedure. In addition to Mr. Fessenden, I think Mr. Massey is the only gentleman in the room who was a member of that Council.

"In leaving the Council, I don't feel in the least that I am leaving a sinking ship. I am convinced that the good ship Shanghai is going to weather the storm—and calm seas and happy days will be here again; but before these happy days do come, I fear you will have some anxious times and some difficult problems to solve.

"And that is one of the reasons I am giving up Council work. If I felt that my presence on the Council was really necessary, I think I should have tried to carry on—but I realise that at the present time a young and active brain is of more use to the Community of the International Settlement than an old and somewhat tired one—and I want to go before people begin to say, 'Time that old dodderer was off the Council.'

"Looking back on the years I have been on the Council, I think the one thing that strikes me most is the dignity and courtesy which has governed our proceedings. It is certainly due to that innate courtesy which my Chinese and Japanese colleagues possess in such a marked degree that I had not a moment of embarrassment when I was Chairman during the troubles in 1932—and I feel sure that Mr. Franklin feels now as I did then. I cannot sit down without paying a very warm tribute to the Treasurer & Controller, the three Commissioners—the Commissioner of Public Health—the Commissioner of Public Works—The Commissioner of Police—The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade and to all who work under them. I must not forget the Secretary and the Secretariat. The Community of the International Settlement does not realise, and will never realise, what it owes to them especially at times like these. I am conceited enough to say that I believe I realise more than most people, and I take my hat off to them and I say 'Well done'!"

"Good Citizen of Shanghai"

"I thank you, Mr. Chairman, and you, my colleagues on the Council, for having invited me to this dinner. I very much appreciate the signal honour you have conferred upon me.

"If in the days to come, the ratepayers of the International Settlement ever think of me at all, I hope they will be able to say this about me, 'He tried to be a good citizen of Shanghai'."

Mr. C. S. Franklin then took the opportunity of saying farewell to Mr. V. H. Bourne, Deputy Treasurer—Revenue, who is to retire from the Council's service at the end of April. He expressed the Council's gratitude for the invaluable work done by Mr. Bourne during his period of control of the Council's Revenue Office.

Batu Anam Estates Annual Meeting

Reduced Output and Price Causes Drop in Profits No Dividend Declared

The 26th annual meeting of the Batu Anam (Johore) Rubber Estates, Ltd., was held yesterday at 49 Szechuen Road. Mr. A. J. Welch, chairman, presided, supported by Messrs L. E. Canning, L. Kadoorie and R. M. Swann, directors. Shares present and represented totalled 415,550. The chairman in his speech said:—

The working for the year has resulted in a profit of Ch.$36,303.83 as compared with a profit of Ch.$141,729.45 last year. This comparatively unsatisfactory showing is attributable to the two facts that the net proceeds received from the sales of rubber were only 6.43 pence per pound as against 8.42 pence per pound last year, whilst the output of ruboer was 109,700 lbs. smaller. The expenditure on revenue accounts was, on the other hand, .29 of a penny higher.

Capital expenditure amounted to a total of Chinese $62,608.95, of which $40,977.63 were spent on the upkeep of the immature coconut and rubber areas, planting 50 acres of new land with rubber and preparing 90 acres of reserve jungle for planting during 1939, whilst $1,626.32 were spent on a Temple and six latrines.

Financial Position

On December 31, 1938 the financial position of the company showed that the liquid assets exceeded the cash liabilities by Ch.$15,908.95 which will be required to cover the estimated capital expenditure during 1939 and it is for this reason that your directors do not feel justified in recommending the payment of any dividend.

Estate Affairs

As regards estate affairs the only change in the planted area during the year was the planting up of 50 acres of jungle land. The company still owns 731 acres of reserve jungle which is suitable for planting with rubber but it is not proposed to make any further extensions at the moment, beyond the 90 acres I have just mentioned.

The general standard of tapping is reported to have been maintained at a satisfactory level and the rate of bark consumption and of renewal is normal. The average area in tapping throughout the year was 831 acres, the yield per acre tapped per annum 440 lbs. and the yield per tapper per day 11.39 lbs.

The estate continues to sell its whole output of rubber in the form of liquid latex to Messrs. Dunlop, one of whose estates adjoins Batu Anam, and consequently the necessity of having a factory of our own is obviated for the time being. The standard production assessment for 1939 has been fixed provisionally at 508,000 lbs., a reduction of 101,913 lbs.

Labour Satisfactory

The supply of labour was ample for all requirements during the year and I am pleased to state that health conditions were somewhat improved, the incidence of malaria being considerably less than in previous years largely owing to the anti-malarial measures that have continued in force for some years past. The average wages were 44.26 cents per day as against 46.46 cents last year.

The whole of the estate is now under a cover of light grass, all rough growths having been removed. The cost of weeding decreased from 32 cents per acre per month to 26 cents per acre per month.

Root disease continues to take its slow but steady toll of trees in the older areas in spite of all measures that were taken to control it. In the younger areas very little disease of any variety is in evidence.

Speaking generally the whole estate is now reported to be in good order and the buildings are in a proper state of repair.

If will later on be proposed that the directors' fees be increased from Ch.$839.16 per annum to Ch.$850 for each director. This small increase of Ch.$11 is suggested in order to bring the fee to a round figure and one more in keeping with the responsibilities incurred by the members of the board.

The auditors' remuneration also shows a small difference owing to a new method of calculating their fee, which has been adopted by many local companies, so as to compensate them to some small extent for the serious drop in the rate of exchange. You will also be asked to vote upon this later on.

Secretaries Agreement

Your directors have further arranged to enter into a new agreement with the secretaries which will entitle them in future to receive their fee in Straits dollars instead of in Chinese dollars. The amount of the fee has been fixed at Straits dollars 1,500 per annum, the equivalent of which at the present rate of exchange is slightly in excess of the present fee. The basis for calculating the commission payable to the secretaries has also been altered from 1½ per cent. on the dividends to 2 per cent. on the net profits for any one year.

Your best thanks are due to the manager, Mr. Ridgewell, to the visiting agent and to the agents in Penang for the satisfactory result of their work during the year under review.

There being no questions the following resolutions were passed:

That the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, as presented be adopted and passed.

Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and seconded by Mr. L. E. Canning.

That the appointment of Mr. L. Kadoorie as a director of the company be confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. C. F. Shackleton and seconded by Mr. Sze Hou Sung.

That Mr. R. M. Swann be re-elected a director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. Yang Chia Shan and seconded by Mr. Chang Lih Zay.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company and that their fee for auditing the accounts to the Decemebr 31, 1938 be Ch.$170.

Proposed by Mr. Woo Chi Ming and seconded by Mr. Sze Hou Sung.

That the directors' fees be increased from Ch.$839.16 per director per annum to Ch.$850 for each director.

Proposed by Mr. Yang Chia Shou and seconded by Mr. Chang Lih Zay.

Semambu Estates Annual Meeting

Financial Position is Unsatisfactory But is Slowly Improving

The 26th Annual meeting of the Semambu Rubber Estates, Ltd., was held yesterday at 49 Szechuen Road. Mr. A. J. Welch, chairman, presided, supported by Messrs L. E. Canning, and L. Kadoorie, directors, and Mr. W. A. Welch, representing Messrs J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., Secretaries and General Managers. Shares present and represented totalled 49,658. The chairman in his speech said:—

The result of the Working for the year was a profit of Ch.$16,858.19 as compared with a profit of Ch.$113,-275.57 last year. This decreased profit is partly due to the fact that the output of rubber was 85,516 lbs. smaller, and the average price realised was 2.36 pence per pound lower. The Estate expenditure on the other hand showed an increase of .22 of a penny per pound. The expenditure on Superintendence was higher by St.$389.89 due to leave pay given to the Clerk and to larger contributions to the Provident Fun. The upkeep of buildings cost St.$1,211.28 more owing to the necessity of re-roofing the subordinate staff bungalow, the Hospital and some of the coolie lines.

Unsatisfactory Position

Financially the company is in a very unsatisfactory position since on December 31, 1938 the cash assets exceeding the liquid liabilities by no more than Ch.$1,943.88 but the position is slowly improving with rubber selling at its present price.

Capital Expenditure during the current year is estimated to be St. $9,689.—of which St. $2,058.—will be spent on the upkeep of the 96 acres that have already been replanted and $7,631.—on the preparation of 60 acres of Reserve Land for planting.

Estate Affairs

Turning now to Estate matters the total area of the Estate remains unchanged. 39 acres were replanted during the year with specially selected material and the young plants are reported to be making excellent progress. It is proposed to plant a further 60 acres during 1939.

The average acreage in tapping during the year was 957 acres as compared with 1029 acres last year. The rate of yield per acre per annum being 463 lbs. as against 410 lbs. The standard of tapping is reported to be satisfactory and the consumption of Bark normal. The rate of Bark renewal is said to show a marked improvement. The Standard Production Allowance for 1939 has been increased by 6,300 lbs. to 510,100 lbs.

Labour Adequate

The supply of labour was adequate throughout the year and I am glad to say that the health of the coolies was satisfactory. The average rate of wages was reduced from 48.17 cents per day to 46.17 cents. Anti-malarial oiling and draining was carried on actively especially in the newly cleared areas with most beneficial effects on the health of the workers.

The whole Estate is now in a satisfactory condition as regards weeding, and this state of affairs is maintained by regular Weeding rounds. Neither pests nor diseases gave any special trouble but Root disease was found in places and the necessary steps to combat this infection were taken in hand where necessary.

All Buildings, and Machinery were given the necessary upkeep and are in a reasonably satisfactory condition. The programme for the replacement of the coolie Lines has been temporarily suspended until the company is in a more affluent condition.

Speaking generally the Estate is now in a clean and satisfactory condition and no further heavy expenditure on upkeep will be necessary.

It will later on be proposed that the directors' fees be increased from Ch.$839.16 per annum to Ch.$850.—for each Director. This small increase of Ch. $11.—is suggested in order to bring the fee to a round figure and one more in keeping with the responsibilities incurred by the Members of the Board.

The auditors' remuneration also shows a small difference owing to a new method of calculating their fee, which has been adopted by many local Companies, so as to compensate them to some extent for the serious drop in the rate of Exchange. You will also be asked to vote upon this later on.

Secretaries Agreement

Your directors have further arranged to enter into a new agreement with the secretaries which will entitle them in future to receive their fee in Straits Dollars instead of in Chinese Dollars. The amount of the fee has been fixed at Straits $1,500.— per annum, the equivalent of which at the present rate of Exchange is slightly in excess of the present fee. The basis for calculating the Commission payable to the Secretaries has also been altered from 1½ per centum on the Dividends to 2 per centum on the net profits for any one year.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I would like to express our best thanks to the Manager, the Visiting Agent and the Penang Agents for the very efficient manner in which they have administered the affairs of the Estate during the year under review.

There being no questions the following resolutions were passed:—

That the directors' report and statement of accounts, as presented be adopted and passed.

Proposed by Mr. A. J. Welch and seconded by Mr. L. E. Canning.

That the election of Mr. L. Kadoorie as a director of the company be confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. C. F. Shackleton and seconded by Mr. Dong Mai Kwun.

That Mr. H. Kadoorie be re-elected a director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. W. A. Welch and Proposed by Mr. Quincey Wu.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be elected auditors of the company for the ensuing year and that their fee for auditing the Accounts for 1938, in Shanghai, be Ch.$170.

Proposed by Mr. C. F. Shackleton and seconded by Mr. W. A. Welch.

That the directors' fees be increased from Ch.$839.16 per director per annum to Ch.$850 per cash director.

Proposed by Mr. Quincey Wu and seconded by Mr. Dong Mai Kwun.

Lamborn Announces Sugar Exports

New York, Apr. 3.

Lamborn & Co. announced today that United States refined sugar exports for the first two months of 1939 amounted to 9,340 long tons, compared with 6,387 long tons for the corresponding period of last year.—United Press.

Returns of Federal Reserve System

New York, Apr. 3.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in their report for the week ended March 29 respecting the entire body of reporting member banks of the system, reveal a decrease on total loans amounting to $18,000,000 compared with the previous week and of $580,-000,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Investments show a decrease of $145,000,000 from last week but an increase of $1,349,000,000 over the corresponding period of last year.

Total loans during the period under review amounted to $8,191,000,000 and investments $13,388,000,000.—Reuter.

British Rubber Stocks

London, Apr. 3.

Stocks of rubber in Great Britain on April 1 were estimated at 71,809 tons, showing a decrease of 1,130 tons from the previous week. The stock of rubber in London on April 1 totalled 46,770 tons, showing a decrease of 446 tons, while the stock at Liverpool was listed at 25,039 tons, representing a decrease of 684 tons.

British rubber deliveries during the week ended April 1 totalled 1,981 tons, compared with 1,628 tons during the previous week. Deliveries in London during this period totalled 1,259 tons, compared with 873 toris during the previous week—an increase of 386 tons. Liverpool deliveries, with a total of 722 tons revealed a decrease of 33 tons from the previous week.—Reuter.

U. S. Debt at All-Time High

Washington, Apr. 5.

The Treasury Department statement issued today revealed that the Federal debt is at an all-time high mark of approximately $40,038,000,000. The figure, which surpassed $40,000,000,000 for the first time in American history, covered the period up to April 1.—United Press.

Winter Wheat Production Forecast

Chicago, Apr. 4.

Private crop experts forecast today that winter wheat production would amount to 540,000,000 bushels this year. This estimate compares with the 1938 harvest of 687,000,000 bushels and the average of 546,000,000 bushels.—United Press.

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Date and Destination	Per	Reg.	Ord.
THURSDAY, April 6.			
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.	*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	Tyosa M.	*20.00	7.30
Aust. N.Z. Manila and Java	Tjisadane	*20.00	8.00
Amoy Hongkong Canton ..	Tjisadane	7.30	8.00
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Tingsang	8.30	9.00
Kwangtung	Tingsang	8.30	9.00
Wenchow	Don Joao	12.30	13.00
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Tachi M.	13.30	14.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Tejo	16.30	17.00
Foochow	Shinfu	16.30	17.00
Wenchow	M. Margarida	19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, April 7.			
Aust. N.Z. and Manila ..	Irisbank	8.30	9.30
Hongkong and Canton	Irisbank	9.00	9.30
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Suiyang	9.00	9.30
Kwangtung	Suiyang	9.00	9.30
Amoy	Kanchow	9.30	10.00
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Kwaisang	10.00	10.30
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Chingyang M. x	13.30	14.00
Ningpo	Hsing Peking	13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.	14.30	15.00
Foochow	Gran x	18.30	19.00
Wenchow	M. Francisca x	18.30	19.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Yusang	19.30	20.00
Wenchow	Elbhof	19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, April 8.			
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.	*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Shuntien	*20.00	8.00
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	Shuntien	7.30	8.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	Tsingtao M.	8.00	8.30
Swatow and Hongkong ...	Taiyuan	9.30	10.00
Kwangtung	Taiyuan	9.30	10.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Soochow A	—	—

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Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Austrialia) per ss. Irisbank, on April 7, at 8.30 a.m. for registered and at 9.30 a.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on April 16, and London on April 17.

Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Irisbank, on April 7, at 8.30 a.m. for registered and at 9.30 a.m. for ordinary, and due San Francisco on April 19.

Air France (Hongkong-Marseilles) per ss. Corfu, on April 11, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on April 21, and London on April 22.

Neth (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Corfu, on April 11, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Amsterdam on April 25, and London on April 26.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.

Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m. for registered and ordinary.

Domestic Air Mail

Air Mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close daily at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.)

Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Train Mail

Light mails for or via Pengpu, Wuhu, N.S.R. and Lunghai (east of Chenghsien; Tungshan and Kaifeng) close daily, at 9.30 p.m. Express mails for Nanking and Chinkiang local close daily at 8.45 a.m.

Light mails for Kiangpei Offices west and north of Jukao via Chinkiang close daily at 9.30 p.m.

Light mails for or via Hangchow close daily at 9 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.; for S.H.N.R. daily at 9 a.m.

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Light mails for or via River Ports beyond Nanchang per available steamer via Ningshsien to Kian for transmission.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin or Chinwangtao for transmission.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
ss. Corfu, via Suez, April 11, due London May 13.
ss. President Coolidge, via Pacific, April 12, due London May 16.
ss. Ajax, via Suez, April 14, due London May 19.

Weather, Time and Tide

Thursday, April 6, 1939 (17th day of 2nd moon)	SICCAWEI			
	April 4		April 5	
	16.00	21.00	4.00	9.00
Barometer inches	30.32	30.37	30.32	30.30
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.04	+0.02	—0.03	—0.09
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	—0.03	—0.02	0.00	—0.07
Wind (direction)	N	NE	SE	ESE
,, (miles per hour)	8.1	5.0	4.3	5.6
Temperature (Fahr.)	51.3°	39.4°	40.1°	47.8°
Humidity %	45	80	89	66
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	2	8	5	7
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report April 4	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.36	+0.08	30.06
Temp. Min. 36.°1 Max. 55.°0	45.°6	—1.°5	52.°5
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	9.64	—	7.97

Time and Tide	6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	5.38	5.37	5.36	5.35	5.34
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.15	18.16	18.17	18.18	18.19
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	20.35	21.34	22.29	23.20	—
Moon sets at Shanghai ..	6.49	7.35	8.22	9.11	10.03
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	11.42	12.20	12.45	13.20	14.06
Ebb, makes Shai. 6 to 18	16.47	17.30	18.06	6.20	7.01
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	13.21	13.55	14.25	15.00	15.45
Ht. above LLW. (feet)..	10.95	10.65	10.09	9.15	8.14

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CINGALESE PRINCE. The m.v. Cingalese Prince, from New York and Ports.—This vessel is now discharging all her cargo (except Opium and Munitions of War), at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf, Hongkew. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their cargo. (Consignees of "Bulk Cargo." will further be required to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst it is being landed). All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fourteen days from date of vessel's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risk of Fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Cinsignees of cargo. Examination of broken and ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf on April 11, at 9 a.m., when Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy will be in attendance. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents. 6-4

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Washington	Japan	Mollers'
Minho	Ningpo	Inter Nav.
Taiyuan	Hongkong	B.&S.
Suiyang	Hongkong	B.&S.
Kwaisang	Hongkong	Jardine
M. Margarida	Ningpo	Maria S.N.
Mikage M.	Tsingtao	Y.K.K.
E. of Canada	Japan	C.P.R.
Shanghai M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
F. Consolini	Wenchow	C.I.N.
Liwo	Chitung	Jardine
Salvus	Fremantle	Lacey & C.
Kanchow	Tientsin	B.&S.
C'stine Moller	Hsinkiang	Mollers'
Koga M.	Tientsin	D.K.K.
Luise	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Marburg	Japan	Melchers
Whangpu	Hsinkong	B.&S.
Alexandra	Hsinkong	Young's Shp.
Hertha	C'yingsha	G.F.E.
Faro	Taungming	P.N.&.T.
Glenaffric	Hongkong	Jardine
Patti	Chitung	Chang Yuen

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Ave-Maria	Port.	Ta Lung
Haikong	Ger.	G.F.E.
Wusueh	Br	B.&S.
Suiwo	Br.	Jardine
Hanwo	Br.	Jardine
Tejo	Port.	I.C.R.N.
Talien	Jap.	Wan Woo
Tseangtah	Br.	Mow Tung
Don Pedro	Port.	C.A.S.S.
Conte Verde	Ital.	Lloyd T.
Husan M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Dairen M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
G. Padula	Ital.	C.I.N.
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Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From GDYNIA: Protesilaus, due 7 a.m., Holt's Wharf.

From SYDNEY: Sydney Maru, due 1 p.m., O. S. K. Wharf.

From DAIREN: Glenbeg, due 9 a.m., Buoys 11-12.

From HONGKONG: Yusang, due 8.30 a.m., Roosevelt Terminal.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA

Bellerophon	7/3	28/4
Antilochus	4/4	26/5

From COPENHAGEN

Kina	1/2	9/4
Danmark	1/3	11/5
Africa	1/4	31/5

From OSLO

Titania	17/2	13/4
Trianon	17/3	20/5
Nanking	28/3	22/5
Africa	6/4	31/5

From HAMBURG

Regensburg	11/3	15/4
Gneisenau	18/3	21/4
Trianon	28/3	20/5
Nanking	1/4	22/5

From BREMEN

Kulmerland	21/2	14/4
Nordmark	7/3	22/4
Duisburg	21/3	15/5
Sauerland	4/4	23/5

From ROTTERDAM

Tamara	9/3	25/4
Serooskerk	30/3	13/5
Duisburg	31/3	15/5

From ANTWERP

Franken	24/2	15/4
Abbekerk	20/2	15/4
Glenapp	18/2	16/4
Gleniffer	4/3	29/4
Lippe	23/3	6/5
Serooskerk	20/3	13/5
Glenshiel	18/3	14/5
Glenfinlas	1/4	27/5

From GLASGOW

Menestheus	25/2	16/4
Agamemnon	25/3	14/5

From LIVERPOOL

Teiresias	25/2	14/4
Diomed	11/3	21/4
Aeneas	18/3	1/5
Pyrraus	25/3	9/5
Agamemnon	1/4	14/5

From LONDON

Terukuni M.	3/3	7/4
Carthage	10/3	18/4
Bangalore	4/3	17/4
Hakusan M.	17/3	24/4
Rajputana	24/3	30/4
Haruna M.	31/3	8/5

From LONDON

Glenshiel	1/4	14/5
Ranchi	6/4	14/5
Bhutan	1/4	15/5

From MARSEILLES

J. Laborde	17/3	15/4
Felix Roussel	31/3	28/4

From GENOA

Gneisnau	29/3	21/4
C. B'camano	29/3	25/4

From TRIESTE

Arabia	20/2	20/4
Himalaya	20/3	9/5

From PORT SAID

Franken	12/3	15/4
Regensburg	22/3	15/4
Felix Roussel	4/4	28/4
Rajputana	4/4	30/4
Aeneas	30/3	1/5
Danmark	2/4	11/5

From SUEZ

Nordmark	27/3	22/4
Hakusan M.	31/3	24/4
Bellerophon	28/3	28/4
Gleniffer	30/3	29/4

From ADEN

C. B'camano	6/4	25/4

From PENANG

Glenapp	1/4	16/4
Carthage	6/4	16/4
Bangalore	6/4	17/4

From SINGAPORE

Kulmerland	4/4	14/4
Teiresias	30/3	14/4
Atlas M.	31/3	15/4
J. Laborde	5/4	15/4
Arabia	3/4	20/4

From SOERABAJA

Tjibadak	3/4	20/4
Tjinegara	7/4	22/4

From BATAVIA

Tjibadak	6/4	20/4

From MANILA

P. Coolidge	5/4	10/4
Abbekerk	6/4	15/4
Menestheus	6/4	16/4

From HONGKONG

See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK

C. Athens	18/2	19/4
Ivaran	25/2	19/4
Malay Prince	9/3	24/4
Agapenor	27/2	25/4
Foylebank	6/3	27/4
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4
Silversandal	23/3	7/5
Laura Maersk	25/3	10/5
C. Pittsburg	16/3	13/5
Dardanus	27/3	19/5

From SAVANNAH

Siversandal	26/3	7/5
Laura Maersk	30/3	10/5
Dardanus	1/4	19/5

From SANTOS

Atlas M.	13/2	15/4

From VANCOUVER

Emp. Russia	1/4	17/4

From SEATTLE

Talthybius	2/4	2/5

From LOS ANGELES

Silverteak	10/3	10/4
Asama M.	14/3	12/4
Ivaran	20/3	19/4

From LOS ANGELES

Niel Maersk	1/4	27/4
Tatuta M.	27/3	29/4

From SAN FRANCISCO

Silverteak	16/3	10/4
Malay Prince	28/3	24/4
Agapenor	26/3	25/4

From HONOLULU

Tatuta M.	4/4	29/4

From HONGKONG

See "China Ports" below.

From OTARU

Somali	4/4	17/4

From YOKOHAMA

Corfu	4/4	10/4
Asama M.	1/4	12/4

From KOBE

Oldenburg	5/4	8/4
Taiyo M.	6/4	8/4

From NAGASAKI

Nagasaki M.	6/4	7/4

From KEELUNG(Formosa)

Hukuken M.	4/4	9/4

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN

Tegelberg	15/3	22/4

From DURBAN

Atlas M.	14/3	15/4

From MOMBASSA

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SHANGHAI MARU .. Apr. 11
NAGASAKI MARU .. Apr. 13
SHANGHAI MARU .. Apr. 16

Shanghai-Yokohama.
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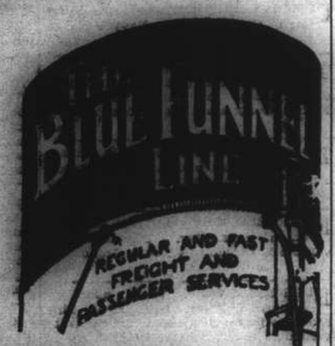

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C	TANTALUS	Apr. 18	Havre, Liverpool and Bromborough
A	HECTOR	Apr. 29	M'lles, London, Rotterdam and Glasgow
C	AGAPENOR	May 4	Liverpool, Bromborough and Glasgow
B	MENESTHEUS	May 13	M'lles, London, R'dam, H'burg and Glasgow.
A	AENEAS	May 27	M'lles, London, Rotterdam and Glasgow.

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		From	Due	Sails	For
C	PROTESILAUS	Gdynia	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	Taku and Japan
C	TERESIAS	Liverpool	Apr. 14	Apr. 15	Japan
B	MENESTHEUS	Liverpool	Apr. 16	Apr. 17	Japan
B	DIOMED	Liverpool	Apr. 21	Apr. 22	Japan Ports
C	AGAPENOR	New York	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Japan.
	BELLEROPHON	Gdynia	Apr. 28	Apr. 29	Taku, Dairen and Japan
A	AENEAS	Liverpool	May 1	May 2	Tsingtao Taku and Dairen
C	TALTHYBIUS	Pacific Coast	May 2	May 5	Hongkong

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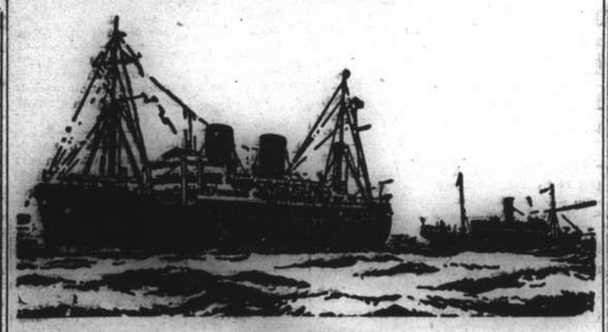

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May	9	CARTHAGE ..	15,000
	16	‡*BANGALORE ..	6,100
	23	RAJPUTANA ..	17,000

		From Shanghai	Tonnage
June	6	RANCHI	17,000
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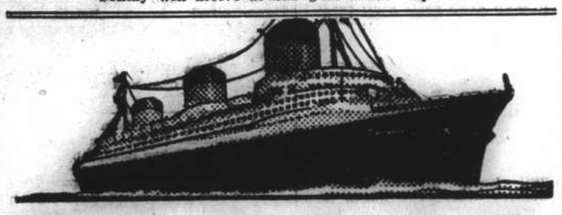

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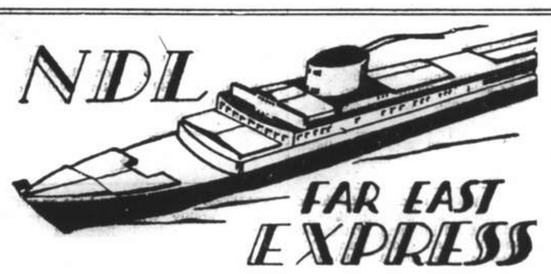

Homewards:
ms. MARBURG for Aden, Port Sudan, Malta, Marseilles, Casablanca, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Bremen .. .. Apr. 6
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Outwards:

ss. FRANKEN	Left Belawan	Mar. 29	Due S'hai	Apr. 15
ms. REGENSBURG	Left Port Said	Mar. 22	,, ,,	Apr. 15
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Empress of Asia	May 27	June 15	Duchess of Atholl	June 23	June 30
Empress of Canada	June 11	June 28	Duchess of Bedford	July 7	July 14
Empress of Russia	June 25	July 10	Duchess of York	July 14	July 20

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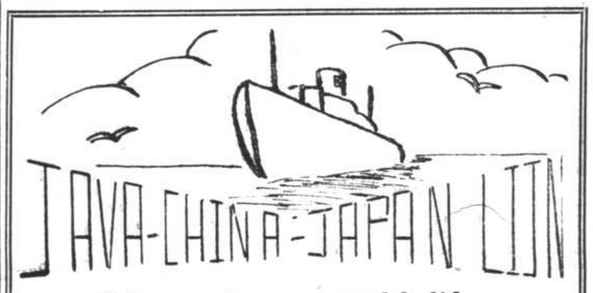

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I visited this territory and spent a day in Chinese towns on the plain. There I met district magistrates and other officials, working normally within range of Japanese guns. The Japanese have not yet extended their hold to the edge of the foothills which form the first regular Chinese defence line.

At first, I inspected Chinese observation posts on the hills overlooking the Feng River valley, in which the railway runs. With the local Chinese battalion commander who was accompanying me, I made my way to a hill-top, and then scrambled into pits in which Chinese watchers stood scanning the valley through powerful glasses.

Below us was the plain, with the Feng River dimly visible as a streak in the distance, and the mountains to the east looming faintly through the morning haze.

Walled cities and roads, framed against a background of green fields, were as clearly visible as though seen from the air.

"Who occupies that town?" I asked my guide, pointing to the nearest one.

"We do, of course," he replied.

I repeated the question, each time pointing to other towns, and always received the same reply.

Where are the Japanese

"Then where are the Japanse?" I asked.

He handed me the glasses, and said: "You see that city over there?" (he pointed to a town more than four miles away). "The Japanese have about 300 men there. We intend to attack them when a favourable opportunity offers."

At his direction, I looked through the binoculars and could distinguish a faint flicker of colour above the city gates. Japanese flags were flying over them.

The presence of soldiers, and their watchfulness, seemed strangely incongruous with the seemingly peaceful plain below, on which peasants could be seen busy in the fields, while donkeys and mules plodded along paths in the warm sunshine. It was difficult to visualize bitter warfare, with neither side giving quarter, against such a background.

We decided to go to the plain, and did so somewhat cautiously, down a pass which the Japanese kept under observation and which they sometimes casually shelled.

The first township we entered had not been occupied by the Japanese. Nevertheless, there was a strained air about the place. It was clear that everyone was ready to leave at short notice if necessary.

Soldiers in Plainclothes

When we stopped for a few minutes at the office of the town commander, the kang, or stone sleeping shelf which is a very common feature of every North China farmer's home, was bare of blankets.

"The soldiers here sleep in their greatcoats and carry nothing except their arms, so as to be ready for instant action," I was told.

I remarked on the fewness of the soldiers, and the comparatively large number of able-bodied men.

"Every man you see is a soldier," I was told. "A large proportion of our troops on the plain do not wear uniforms. The Japanese, therefore, are uncertain who are soldiers and who are peasants."

It was alleged that the Japanese also used plain-clothes men, but not so successfully, since the people recognized strangers at once.

A typical peasant appeared to serve as our guide across the plain.

"This man is also a soldier and has a pistol concealed in his clothes," I was told.

We passed a larger township three miles away, with a population formerly considerably larger, and now about 800. As we entered, news of the presence of a foreigner rapidly spread, and I was soon the object of much good natured curiosity, people running out of houses and lanes till a large crowd had collected at our heels.

I was told I was the first foreigner to visit the town, but hardly credited this since I saw a small Catholic church which could hardly have failed to have been visited by foreign missionaries.—Reuter.

Advance in Kiangsi Was Hard Task

Many Waterways Proved Obstructions to Japan's Drive on Railway

Hankow, Apr. 5.

Nine waterways, including the 1,000-metre-wide Kan River, were crossed by Japanese forces between March 20 and 27 in advancing from south of Tehan to cut the strategically vital Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, Capt. Takeo Ogawa, a staff officer, said here today in recounting the spectacular progress made by the Japanese forces in Kiangsi province last month.

From the building of a bridge across the 180-metre-wide Siu River, under Chinese machine-gun and trench mortar fire, to the seizure of a steam launch towing several junks on the Kan River, by three Japanese volunteers, Capt. Ogawa said, the offensive was featured by exceptional cases of bravery.

By noon on March 21, 18 hours after the first crossing of the Siu River had been effected, Japanese artillery units rumbled across the newly-completed bridge.

Kan River Ferried

Five waterways, in addition to the Siu River, had to be crossed by the Japanese forces before reaching Fengsin, 50 kilometre west of Nanchang on March 24. Early the next day, a vanguard unit advanced towards the Kan River, reaching it in the vicinity of Tsengkia Village, by 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon of March 26, having covered 38 kilometres through hostile territory, Capt. Ogawa continued.

Only four vessels were found moored on the northern shore on which the Japanese were standing, while more than 80 junks could be seen on the other side.

Two of the available boats were made ready for a crossing by mounting machine guns on their bows, Capt. Ogawa said. Thirty minutes after they had left the north bank, a yellow flare was seen rising from the opposite shore, signifying that the crossing had been successful.

At this time, a steam launch towing several junks came into sight. Three Japanese soldiers called out to the skipper, who hove to at once. A Japanese flag was promptly run up on the launch, Capt. Ogawa recounted.

Junks Concentrated

Crossing the Kan River by means of these captured vessels, the Japanese vanguards continued their advance towards the railway. Two more waterways had to be negotiated, but at the first ford, 20 sailing junks were found concentrated. Thirty Chinese soldiers, led by four officers, who were hiding on board surrendered when challenged by the Japanese, according to Capt. Ogawa.

The second stream was crossed by means of a bridge found intact by the Japanese column, which was now being shown the way by farmers.

At 3.20 o'clock in the afternoon of March 27, the Japanese reached the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway at Huangtan Station, which was found to be defended, by a Chinese detachment.

When these Chinese were liquidated, Capt. Ogawa stated, the line was cut.—Domei.

Honolulu Honours U.S.S. Astoria

Remains of Japanese Ambassador Carried

Honolulu, Apr. 5.

Accorded full honours, including an escort of six patrols of bombers and a salute of nineteen guns, the ashes of the late Mr. Hiroshi Saito, former Japanese Ambassador to Washington, arrived here this morning aboard the U.S.S. Astoria.

Mrs. Saito and her two daughters arrived here several days earlier. During extensive ceremonies that were held, the widow of the late Ambassador expressed her gratitude to the United States for the honour accorded her late husband. She said: "To the United States—my everlasting gratitude."—Reuter.

Explosion Kills Three

Oslo, Apr. 5.

Three of the crew were killed and many injured in a heavy explosion which occurred today in the Norwegian oil tanker Katy at Sandefjord. The cause for the explosion is not known.—Reuter.

Mayor Fetes Relatives Of Deliverer

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

Mr. Fu Siao-en, Mayor of the Greater Shanghai Special Municipality, and Mrs. Fu, who are attending a conference of mayors here, gave a dinner last evening for relatives of the late Sergeant Sojuro Tokutani, of the Japanese gendarmerie in Shanghai, who was killed while protecting Mayor Fu from assassins on November 29 last year in front of the Municipality Building at the Civic Centre in Shanghai.

Guests at the dinner were Mr. Jisaburo Imai and Mrs. Imai, who is a sister of Sergeant Tokutani, and Mr. Iko Tokutani, cousin of the slain man and also a gendarmerie sergeant.—Domei.

Herr Hitler en Route To Berchtesgaden

Berlin, Apr. 4.

Fuehrer Adolf Hitler arrived here at 5.30 p.m. today from Hamburg, but stayed only a short while. He left again at 8 p.m., for his Berchtesgaden retreat. Herr Hitler spent the last few days in the "Strength through Joy" vessel, Robert Ley, in which he made a Baltic tour, visiting Heligoland.—Havas.

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ROOM to let, 882 Bubbling Well, Apartment 122. For single or married couple. Board optional. -4298

TWO furnished rooms. All modern convenience. Breakfast optional. 51 Bearn Apartment. -4286

LARGE, nicely furnished room, facing south, with private bath, in modern apartment. 106 Ferry Road, Apartment 8. -4252

COSY, furnished room in quiet house. All conveniences. Garden. Bachelor only. Bus stops 7/9. House 600/1 Avenue Haig. -4090

ROOM to let, private bathroom, modern conveniences, Telephone 75146. -4114

COMFORTABLY furnished rooms for men. Club facilities. Navy Y.M.C.A. 11955

TO LET, well-furnished, large, south room, bathroom attached, all modern conveniences, for single man only. French Concession. Telephone 71677. -4206

ROOM with verandah to let in private family, with all modern conveniences. For single or married couple. Yu Yuen Road. Address Box 2527, NCDN. -4226

DESIRABLE two-roomed flat, may be taken separately. Private bath, verandah, garden. 54 Route Grouchy. -4240

BUSINESS centre, sixth floor of modern building, two bright, airy rooms with big box-room and separate verandah, $175. Telephone 18938. -4257

UNFURNISHED 2-roomed flat, also single room, in new house, ideal for summer. House 126, Lane 668 Yu Yuen Road. 11939

COMFORTABLE furnished room for single gentleman, modern conveniences, very quiet, near St. George's ous terminal and French trams. Telephone 73544.

TO LET large room with private Bathroom. Apply Lane 141, House 14, Ground Floor, Seymour Road. -4245

Rooms with Board

TWO/three-roomed flat, in private family, for single person. Full board. Telephone 72207, from 10-11 a.m. -4276

KINGSCLERE, 30 Weihaiwei Road, available April 1, double-room with sleeping porch, verandah and private bathroom. -4283

355 AVENUE Haig, corner Tifeng Raod. Clean, comfortable large room. Special attention to food. Bus stops. Telephone Mrs. Hedden, 71163. -4322

THE Towers, 1182 Avenue Road. Comfortable single/double rooms, private bathrooms, garden, excellent food. Telephone 35534. -4320

BELMONT House, 16 Kelmscott Gardens. Vacant middle April, two-roomed suite, bathroom. Screened. Central heating. Excellent food. English-owned and managed. 11914

LAPGE, south; also small, furnished room. Steam-heated, all conveniences. Board optional. 834C Cathay Flats, Avenue Joffre. -4319

SUNNYSIDE, 200 Chengtu Road. Available newly furnished double room, facing south. With full board. Telephone 32916. -4122

SINGLE back room, private bath. Vacant now. Lane 1230/55 Avenue Road. -4128

THE VILLAS, 969 Avenue Foch. Single room, suitable for lady, available April 8, also May 1, 2 rooms. Full Board. Large gardens, tennis, garage Telephone Mrs. Fisher 75433. -4099

Wanted to Rent

WANTED to rent, house consisting of ten rooms, unfurnished, from May. Address Box 2555, NCDN. -4271

WANTED, French or International Settlement, house 4-8 rooms, willing to pay for furniture. Box 2567, NCDN. -4317

WANTED, dancing studio or will share one. Good locality. Reasonable rental. Address Box 2549, NCDN. -4264

WANTED three or four-roomed flat, unfurnished, with all modern conveniences, or two large rooms, centrally situated. Replies Box 2560, NCDN. -4297

WANTED furnished apartment or house, willing pay best price for furniture and key-money. Telephone 74850. -4089

TWO furnished rooms, all conveniences, with bath and kitchen or use of kitchen, for three gentlemen, from May 1 or 15. Reply stating price to Box 2492, NCDN. -4156

MR. and Mrs. Williams of British Embassy require house of minimum six rooms (furnished or unfurnished), in French Concession if possible. Telephone 15650. -4219

WANTED by British lady, large bed/sitting with full board. Prefer French Concession. State terms. Address Box 2528, NCDN. -4227

WANTED by responsible couple, two-roomed flat with bathroom and kitchen. Will buy fittings. French Concession. Address Box 2529, NCDN. -4223

WANTED to rent, six months or longer, 2/3-roomed apartment, preferably furnished and down town. Please telephone 11070, Handley-Derry, during office hours. -4229

WANTED two, three or four rooms with kitchen or use of it, bath and w.c. Hongkew excluded. Address Box 2533, NCDN. -4236

WANTED two-roomed, furnished or unfurnished apartment, with all modern conveniences. No objection to lease one for six months. Preferably French Concession. Box 2516, NCDN. -4207

THREE German bachelors, reliable party, want furnished flat or house. Address Box 2510, NCDN. -4143

Offices, Shops, Godowns

TO LET, doctor's office, cheap rental, please apply to Nanking Pharmacy, 1045 Bubbling Well Road. Telephone 27518. -4318

SHOP wanted, medium size, in business centre of French Concession. Address Box 2559, NCDN. -4296

TO LET, large and small modern office space in the Chartered Bank Building, 18 The Bund. Space arranged to suit tenants' requirements. Apply Eric Davies, Room 214, Chartered Bank Building. Telephone 15874. 11814

TO LET. Office accommodation available in the new M.M. Building, 9 Quai de France. For particulars apply to Société Immobilière d'Extrême-Orient, M.M. Building, 1st floor. Telephone 82034. 11909

WANTED 5,000 square feet space in building or godown or shed or compound, for long term lease. Applications with location, terms and conditions and price address Box 2163, NCDN. -3629

ONE large room for office, in modern building, to let. Down town district. Address Box 2524, NCDN. -4223

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STRAND Hotel, Peitaiho-Beach. Opens June. For accommodation apply Mrs. M. Lisske, 10 Canal Road, Tientsin. 11492

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799 AVENUE Haig, House 26. Fully-furnished residence comprising 6 rooms, attic, 2 bathrooms, servants' quarters, garden, garage. U.S.$60 per month. Available May 1, 1939. Apply Palmer & Turner. Property Office, 17 Canton Road. 11981

FOR rent, Avenue Petain, residence seven rooms, two winter verandahs, three servants' rooms, nice big garden, small winter garden, two bathrooms. Rent $250. Furniture, fittings, $3,000. Agency Korlin, 146A/1 Route des Soeurs, Telephone 78499. -4304

TO LET. Columbia Road, beautifully furnished, six-roomed house, with two baths, garage for two cars, nice garden, from June 1 for four/five months. No small children. Reply Box 2503, NCDN. -4192

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27 TUNSIN Road, Flat "A." For immediate occupation. 5-room flat available, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, refrigerator. $300 per month including heating, hot and cold water and taxes. Garage excluded. Apply Palmer & Turner. Property Office, 17 Canton Road. 11979

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